



THE FLYER



VS



SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS

Last Saturday in Glasgow I thought we got off to a pretty good start and we created some quality opportunities but again we didn't score. Maybe if we score with those chances it becomes a different night. It was a close game and Glasgow capitalised on one of their power plays and again we couldn't. I couldn't fault our teams effort, everybody emptied the tank but we have to start putting the puck in the net. On to last Sunday and I was hoping for something much better than we gave. Again a close opening period and although we were behind I thought it was anyone's game. We scored on the power play which was good for us as this has clearly been one of the areas of concern. Then however the wheels kinda fell off, I didn't expect that. It was just too many mistakes and too many goals, it was just not good enough obviously. It's a situation that in all my coaching years I'm not used and ho one in our group is happy with where we are and we have to figure a way out of it

and we can only turn this around with hard work and that's a challenge that we all will give everything to achieve. We have to be better with the group we have although I am now in discussions with agents and contacts and with the two remaining moves we can make under the regulations I will be aiming to get players in that will help us move in the right direction. All that said our game midweek in Sheffield gave us a real confidence boost. We had the lead twice and had the game tied going into the third but for the width of the post we might even have had a lead and that might have changed things. For us to go into the home of last season's Champions and a team that is loaded up for the Champions League I thought we fared well. You strive for perfection in a game but it's often impossible to do and we made a few key mistakes, not near as many as we made last Sunday and were punished for them but psychologically I thought that game gave us some more light at the end of the tunnel.

I should mention the addition of young Aiden Wilson, I like what I've seen in the few practice sessions he has had with us and so we've spoken and put him on a two way contract and we will be looking to get him into more practices and see how we can use him going forward.





In a league that I think has improved from last season our team has had its ups and downs and we can't get away from recognizing the impact of injuries. But I think we found something in our game on Wednesday night that we can use moving forward. We changed our structure following the Dundee game, our approach in Sheffield was more of a patient system where we counter attack and so no matter what we do we will be giving it our all again this weekend to get our team moving in the right direction.

As always your ongoing support is much appreciated and together we can work our way through this.

Away we go.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 26th October 2024			3		0	Challenge Cup		
Period Scores 2-0, 1-0, 0-0								
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Martin Látal	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Nikolai Shulga	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✓	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✗				
Halas		Refs	Rodger		Rodger	Lines men	Thorpe	

The Flyers travelled for the first time this season to meet the Braehead Clan with both teams looking to get off losing skids. The Clan who were winless in their last four were favourites to secure at least second spot in the Challenge Cup group with four of their five remaining games on home ice. The Flyers were looking to halt their run at five consecutive defeats and they had Nikolai Shulga return to the line up whilst they scratched Olivier LeBlanc, Johnny Curran, James Spence and Janis Voris. The Clan scratched Matt Stieff, Nick Prkusic, Kyle Carruth and Cade Neilson.

The Flyers opened with the first chance of the game when Martin Látal charged down a shot in his own zone and then broke up the ice with the puck going one on one with Landon Bow but the Clan netminder came up with a huge save. In the 2nd minute Drake Pilon had a partial breakaway but as he closed in on the Clan net he was crowded out in what was an encouraging start for the visitors. Shane Owen made his first save in the 4th minute when he held a shot from distance by Deven Sideroff. The Clan went on the first power play of the game in the 5th minute when Austin Farley was called for hooking on Liam Finlay. Owen made a blocker save from a Rylan Schwartz effort and the Fife keeper followed that up with a strong save when he was out at the top of his paint to stop a Tyson McLellan shot from the slot. The Flyers completed the kill with some fine blocks and at full strength they went the other way when Pilon set up Maxim Musorov who tested Bow who made a pad save. The Flyers first power play came in the 8th minute when Reece Kelly got the gate for interference. The first minute of the man advantage saw the visitors create a couple of good chances following some good puck control and Lucas Chiodo put a snapshot on Bow. The Clan complete the kill but at even strength the Flyers again came close to opening the scoring when Pilon saw his shot catch a piece of Bow and pinged the crossbar. 30 seconds later the Clan went close when Kelly came in at the back post but sent his shot wide. Owen made a good stop in the 11th minute when he gloved a Schwartz shot but the game was turned on its head with two goals in 28 seconds for the home side in the 15th minute. The opener came from Cole Ullly who was found in the slot and his low shot on the back hand found the net through Owen's five hole. The Clan struck again when Finlay came in off the left hand boards and from an angle he picked the top corner over the glove of Owen. The Flyers steadied the ship but the closest they came was a shot from distance from Daniel Krenželok that was swallowed by Bow.

PERIOD 2

The Clan went back on the power play just 19 seconds into the middle period when Tyler Heidt was called for tripping with the Clan player clearly catching an edge and falling without being touched. Sideroff threatened with two shots but the Flyers came up with a strong kill by protecting the house well. In the 23rd minute Darien Kielb forced a pad save from Owen with a shot from the slot and moments later the Clan were again on the power play as Madi Dikhanbek took a high sticking minor. The Clan had a lot of solid puck possession during their power play and Owen had to make a fantastic save from McLellan who was in great position to score. With the Flyers back at full strength Látal's speed took him into the Clan zone in the 27th minute and Bow got a piece of his shot to deflect it

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PERIOD 3

Clan Stats					Flyers Stats			
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
For	Ullly	Seigo	Sideroff	1				For
47	Finlay	Schwartz	McLellan	2				25
Shots	Ullly	Seigo	Sideroff	3				Shots
Against				4				Against
25				5				47
PiMS				6				PiMS
8				7				12
				8				
MOM				9				MOM
Ullly				10				Delmas

CLAN MATCH NIGHT ACTION



GLASGOW CLAN





GETTING TO KNOW #91

Austin Farley

Date of Birth – November 10th 1993

Age – 31

Place of Birth – Park Ridge, Illinois

Position – Forward

Shoots – Left

Height – 176cm/5'9"

Weight – 76 kg/168 lbs

Professional Hockey Career

2015-2016 - Lake Erie Monsters (AHL)

2016-2018 – IF Björklöven, MODO
(HockeyAllsvenskan)

2018-2020 - Luleå HF (SHL)

2020-2021 - Kalamazoo Wings, Kansas
City Mavericks (ECHL)

2021-2023 - HC Nove Zamky (Slovakia)

2023-2024 - Nottingham Panthers,
Manchester Storm (EIHL)



#91 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

I played "football" or known in America as soccer. I also played lacrosse.

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

Definitely my mom. She is the hardest working person and that is where I get my determination from. No matter where in the world I have played, or youth hockey tournaments growing up, she has always been there. Her being one of 16 children in her family and raising 7 of her own while still working and still being able to support and love every single one of us is truly remarkable. There is no way I would be where I am without her.

Who is the best player you have played with?

Alex Lafallo

Who is the best player you have played against?

Elias Petterson

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

When I scored 5 goals in a game in Sweden while my parents were visiting.

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

My favourite is Belfast and least is Guildford.

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

To downsize goalies equipment.

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

I cheer for the Chicago Blackhawks and root against the Minnesota Wild.

Most admired hockey player and why?

Brad Marchand. He is a small statured player who competes and plays on the edge while still being highly effective offensively.

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

My best advice for youngsters starting in hockey is to play as many sports as you can. To cherish being a kid and not to spend summers and every day in the hockey rink.

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

My vision and my tenacity around the net. I am trying to improve my back checking.

Pre-game routine?

I usually go for a walk while listening to a motivational podcast. Eat lunch and then take an afternoon nap.

Pre-game meal?

Poke Bowl. Chicken with rice, carrots, cucumbers, green beans, and avocado.

Any gameday superstitions?

I listen to the same motivational podcast every game.

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Lacrosse.

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

American Football

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Johnny Manziel

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Kansas City Chiefs

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

Peaky blinders.

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

Steak with sweet potato and green beans.

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Non alcoholic: Cucumber Lime Gatorade.

Alcoholic: Miller lite

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

Conor McGregor, Brad Marchand, Kid Rock, Cillian Murphy

Favourite singer/music/band?

Morgan Wallen

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Turks and Caicos.

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite: Gym Least: Reading

What is your go to Karaoke song?

What was I thinkin' by Dierks Bentley

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

Motley Crew. Drums.

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Bugz or Bugzy

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

I would fly.

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

Wine. Chips. Phone





How many languages do you speak?

Only one.

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

A lawyer.

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 27th October 2024				2		7	Challenge Cup	
Period Scores 1-1, 1-5, 0-0								
Lineups	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Martin Látal	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗	Nikolai Shulga	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✓	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
	Halas	Refs	Brown		Gibson	Lines men	Dolan	

With both teams chasing the Glasgow Clan for a possible Challenge Cup play-off position a defeat for either would effectively end their Cup campaign for this season. For the Flyers it was more important to arrest a run of six consecutive defeats, their longest winless streak so far as we closed out the second month of the season. The Stars were without Xavier Pouliot, Brogan O'Brien and the recently announced returnee Philippe Sanche. The Flyers made one change in their roster from the team that lost the previous night in Glasgow with Austin Farley joining Johnny Curran, Janis Voris and James Spence as the scratches as they welcomed back captain Olivier LeBlanc having missed the last six matches.

It was a fairly low key start to the game with Kris Inglis having a shot from the blueline stuck away by Shane Owen whilst at the other end Jarrett Fiske did likewise from a shot by Nikolai Shulga. In the 3rd minute the Flyers went on the first power play of the match when Craig Moore was called for interference. The Flyers almost cashed in on the man advantage with a wrister from Patrick Kyte striking iron and bouncing to safety. The Stars returned to full strength and in the 7th minute they were again under pressure when Drake Pilon and Phélix Martineau combined with the latter firing wide of the target. The Stars went the other way and Zach Tsekos just couldn't get enough on the puck as he tried to redirect it past Owen who was scrambling in net. The Stars at that point called a timeout. Moments later the visitors took the lead when Jonathan McBean found himself in the slot in splendid isolation and he had two bites of the cherry to force the puck past Owen in the 7th minute. In the 9th minute Fiske had difficulty handling a shot from Martin Látal but covered up at the second attempt. Owen made a smart save in the 11th minute when he covered his nearside post as Jake Elmer tried to stuff the puck home. In the 12th minute Brett Gravelle tested Owen from the slot and moments later on an odd man rush the Stars missed another chance when Kameron Kielly fluffed his shot as he came down main street. The second Stars goal however was only delayed a few seconds as Alex Tonge stepped into the Flyers zone and drove the net before roofing the puck over Owen's glove. Inglis was called for interference in the 15th minute and the Flyers made the Stars pay. Ryan Foss was in tight on Fiske who made the stop but Martineau followed up and poked home the rebound. In the 17th minute a close in tip by Maxim Musorov was stopped by an alert Fiske and from the ensuing scramble the puck could not find a Flyers stick as the Dundee netminder was left swimming in his crease. The Stars forced a couple of saves in quick succession from Owen before Daniel Krenželok saw his long range effort gloved by Fiske. With 30 seconds of the period remaining Musorov was called for a hold and McBean for a rough in offsetting penalties as the teams stayed at 5 on 5.

PERIOD 2

In the opening minute of the middle period Domenic Alberga had a shot that Owen couldn't hold and a minute later the Fife keeper did well to get his pad on a redirected shot that then caused a scramble around his net but the Flyers survived. Stars went on their first power play of the match in the 24th minute when the Flyers were called for too many men.

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PERIOD 3

Flyers Stats				Stars Stats					
Shots For	Scorer Martineau Foss	Assist Foss	Assist Chiodo	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For					McBean	Kielly	Gravelle	For	
43					2	Tonge	O'Connor	Inglis	38
Shots					3	McBean	Kielly	O'Connor	Shots
Against					4	Elmer	Harms	O'Connor	Against
38					5	Tsekos	Harms	MacDonald	43
PiMS					6	Gravelle	McBean	Dow	PiMS
13					7	Tsekos	Elmer	Fiske	15
					8				
MOM					9				MOM
Foss					10				McBean

STARS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE
DEREK YOUNG



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	15	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	644	0.90	4.46	0	0	902	67
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yanis Voris	G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0.84	6.1	0	0	59	6
Cameron Kenny	G	10	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	16	0	4	4			0			0		4	4	4	16
Madi Dikhanbek	D	14	0	0	0			0			0			0	10	25
Tyler Heidt	D	15	1	4	5		2	2			0	1	2	3	16	28
Brodie Kay	D	14	0	0	0			0			0			0		10
Daniel Krenželok	D	15	3	2	5	1	2	3			0	2		2	34	69
Patrick Kyte	D	13	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	21	15
Olivier LeBlanc	D	10	0	3	3			0			0		3	3	6	8
Fynn Page	D	8	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	16	6	12	18	3	2	5			0	3	10	13	2	55
Michael Cichy	F	16	8	4	12	2		2			0	6	4	10	4	36
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	13	3	5	8	1		1			0	2	5	7	8	29
Artur Gatiyatov	F	12	0	1	1			0			0			1		18
Martin Látal	F	8	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	27
Phélix Martineau	F	16	7	7	14	1	3	4			0	6	4	10	10	59
Maxim Musorov	F	16	3	4	7		1	1			0	3	3	6	4	38
Drake Pilon	F	16	1	4	5		1	1			0	1	3	4	41	35
Nikolai Shulga	F	12	1	3	4		1	1			0	1	2	3	2	17
James Spence	F	6	0	0	0			0			0			0		3
Ryan Foss	F	4	1	1	2		1	1			0	1		1	4	8
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Players in BLUE are everresents Inc All Competitions																6
Totals			36	64	99	8	16	24	0	0	0	28	47	75	178	518
			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		3

WEEK 8 - FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Glasgow Clan 3 Fife Flyers 0 - Challenge Cup

The Flyers remained winless on the road this season after 7 games. Last season they lost 8 consecutive road games through November/December.

To start a season the longest winless run on the road is 15 games in season 2011/12 with 13 decided in regulation.

The Flyers have had 1 power play goal in their last 9 matches going 1 for 31 (3.03percent) – before that in their opening six matches of ten season they were 6 for 22 (27.3 percent)

In all EIHL competitions this was the 64th time the Flyers have been shutout and the 5th time by Clan with 4 of those being on Braehead ice.

On Sunday night.....

Fife Flyers 2 Dundee Stars 7 – Challenge Cup

The Stars have now won on four of their last five visits to the Auld Barn.

The Flyers winless streak was stretched to seven games which is most amongst all teams so far this season. Last season the Flyers had a streak of 8 consecutive regulation losses during December.

The Flyers gave up 7 shots in the final period which is the fewest in a period in any game this season.

The five second period goals scored by Stars is the most given up by the Flyers in a single period this season.

It also equals the most goals given up in a period on home ice in all EIHL competitions with Nottingham Panthers doing so in March 2013 – The Stars hold the record for most goals scored against the Flyers in a period with 6 from the encounter last December at Dundee Ice Arena.

The Flyers got their first power play goal against Dundee this season and are now 1 for 13 (7.7 percent) against the Stars.

Congratulations to Ryan Foss who scored his first points for the Flyers with a goal and an assist.

The month ends as statistically the second worst October in the Flyers EIHL era, the full record reads:

	October											
	P	W	D	L	OT/SO L	% W	% D	% L	F	A	Diff +/-	
2011/12	8	0	0	7	1	0.0	0.0	100.0	18	47	-29	
2012/13	7	1	0	6	0	14.3	0.0	85.7	17	27	-10	
2013/14	7	4	0	3	0	57.1	0.0	42.9	19	18	1	
2014/15	9	5	0	3	1	55.6	0.0	44.4	27	19	8	
2015/16	10	4	0	5	1	40.0	0.0	60.0	27	34	-7	
2016/17	10	5	0	5	0	50.0	0.0	50.0	34	33	1	
2017/18	10	6	0	4	0	60.0	0.0	40.0	37	28	9	
2018/19	9	6	0	2	1	66.7	0.0	33.3	35	28	7	
2019/20	10	2	0	7	1	20.0	0.0	80.0	22	38	-16	
2021/22	11	3	0	7	1	27.3	0.0	72.7	26	39	-13	
2022/23	10	4	0	5	1	40.0	0.0	60.0	34	38	-4	
2023/24	9	4	0	4	1	44.4	0.0	55.6	27	30	-3	
2024/25	8	1	0	7	0	12.5	0.0	87.5	12	43	-31	



Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's

2 Dave Good	19 Steve Brown	5	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	6	
16 Alan Craig	3	43 Graham Rodger	3	52 Stephen Matthews	1	



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 9



Recent Form Guide

This will be the first meeting between the teams this season. The Steelers who have been making history in the Champions Hockey League have also made another solid start to their domestic campaign as they look to repeat their Grand Slam success from last season. In the Challenge Cup the Steelers have played seven games and currently sit top of their group. They opened the competition with a 4-1 win home win against the Guildford Flames before sneaking past the Coventry Blaze the following night in a 5-4 shootout win at the Skydome. Home and home games against the Nottingham Panthers followed with the Steelers again coming out in the narrowest of margins winning in Nottingham by the odd goal in seven in regulation whilst repeating the feat at the Utilita Arena but this time with an overtime winner. A couple of road games followed and the Steelers dropped their only point so far in the competition when they were on the wrong side of another 4-3 result when the Storm won in a shootout in Altrincham. A 3-1 win in Guildford proceeded last weekend where on home ice they hit the top of the group with a 4-2 win against the Cardiff Devils. In league play this will be the Steelers sixth match after opening with a big 3-2 shootout win against the Belfast Giants at the Utilita Arena. A comfortable 6-2 win against the Stars on Tayside was followed by their only regulation defeat so far this term as the Blaze again caused them problems and took the decision 4-2 at the Skydome. The Steelers last two league games have been at home against Scottish opponents where they have scored six goals in each with a 6-3 win against the Clan and a 6-1 success last midweek against the Stars.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO STEELERS

Sunday 21st January 2024					6	4		Elite League	
Steelers Stats			Shots For	Shots Against	Flyers Stats			Shots For	Shots Against
Scorer	Assist	Assist			Scorer	Assist	Assist		
Ciampini	Diffley	Simpson	46		Goal 1	Humitz	Pulkkinen	22	
Simpson	Neumann	Ciampini			Goal 2	Lajeunesse			
Juusola	Cormier	Nicholls	22		Goal 3	Pouteau	Chiodo	46	
Nicholls	Allen	Watling	PiMS		Goal 4	Pavlovs	Chiodo	PiMS	
Ciampini	Simpson	Diffley	8		Goal 5			10	
Watling	Juusola	Jones			Goal 6				
			Goalie		Goal 7			Goalie	
			Morrone		Goal 8			Lindskoug	
					Goal 9				
					Goal 10				

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST STEELERS

P 30 W 3 L 27 F 45 A 137

Number Crunching

The Flyers currently have the longest winless streak of the season with seven straight defeats and the Steelers will be looking to stretch their winning streak to seven which will be the best of all teams this season

The Flyers will also be looking to snap their longest active drought on an opponents home ice as they have now gone 16 games in all EIHL competitions without a win in Sheffield.

During that run the Flyers have been outscored almost 3 to 1 with 33 goals scored and 95 conceded. The last time the Flyers picked up two points against Sheffield on the road was 17th October 2018 when goals from Evan Bloodoff, Brett Bulmer and Paul Crowder saw them win 3-1.

Flyers are the lowest scoring team with an average of 2.25 goals so far this season – the Steelers sit second best with 4.17 goals per game.

The Steelers goals against average of 2.5 per game in all EIHL competitions is second least amongst all teams - Flyers 4.81 is most.

Robert Dowd has 30 goals against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions which is not only makes him the Steelers top scorer against Fife but also the player with most goals against the Flyers all time in the EIHL.



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 9




Recent Form Guide

Having already met the Giants twice on home ice in the Challenge Cup this will be the first of two visits by the Flyers in that competition to the SSE Arena. The Giants came into this week continuing to head the qualification group although a midweek visit from the Glasgow Clan, who were sitting in second position, will have a significant bearing on both teams chances of winning the group or securing the second placed playoff spot. Since the Flyers last meeting with Belfast the Giants have played a pair of home and home games against the Clan with a 3-1 defeat for the Giants at Braehead being followed by a narrow 4-3 shootout win for them on home ice. In league games the Giants coughed up two points in Coventry where they went down 6-4 to the surging Blaze before going to Nottingham the following evening and losing heavily to the Panthers who came out on top 5-1. Last weekend the Giants were still on the road as they visited the Guildford Flames and picked up two points with a 3-1 win before exacting some revenge and halting Coventry's unbeaten start to the league with a 5-2 win at the Skydome. After meeting the Flyers the Giants stay at home this weekend with a visit from the Dundee Stars in Challenge Cup action on Sunday night.

LAST CHALLENGE CUP VISIT TO GIANTS


Friday

13th October 2023




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Challenge Cup



Giants Stats				Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Nazarian	M Cooper	Curti	31		Goal 1	Pulkkinen	Shirley	Humitz
McLeod	Friend		Shots Against		Goal 2	Shirley	Desrocher	Pulkkinen
Norris	Brown	O Cooper	22		Goal 3	Lajeunesse	Holwell	Osterberg
Tedesco	M Cooper	Baum	PiMS		Goal 4	Chiodo	Shirley	Humitz
Lake	Curran	Gendron	10		Goal 5			
Tedesco	M Cooper	Preston			Goal 6			
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			Whistle		Goal 8			
					Goal 9			
					Goal 10			

22

Shots Against

31

PiMS

8

Goalie

Owen

OVERALL CHALLENGE CUP AWAY RECORD AGAINST GIANTS

P 15 W 2 L 13 F 31 A 74

Number Crunching

The Flyers will be looking for their first win of the season against the Giants who have won both games so far at Fife Ice Arena.

Including the Challenge Cup Final the Flyers have now lost their last six games at the SSE against the Giants in the competition. Their last win being 23rd September 2018 when they prevailed 4-2 with goals from Brett Bulmer (2), Carlo Finucci and Paul Crowder

Scott Conway is the all-time leading scorer for the Giants against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions with 14 goals. Bobby Chaumont top scores for the Flyers against the Giants with six goals.

Ahead of the midweek games the Giants had recorded two shutouts which is most amongst all teams whilst the Flyers being shut out three times is also most amongst all teams.

The Giants 4.21 goals per game average makes them top scorers so far this season.

37 shots per game average for Giants also leads all teams the Flyers are 6th best with 32.38 shots per game

Only the Steelers have given up fewer shots on goal per game than the Giants 28.21 – the Flyers have faced most with an average of 42.56 per game across all EIHL competitions.



WEEKEND PREVIEW




WEEK 9



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It's the first visit of the Panthers to the Auld Barn this season with the teams meeting for the first time a month ago in Nottingham. Since then the Panthers followed up their win against the Flyers with another success on home ice with a 4-2 defeat of the Cardiff Devils in the Challenge Cup. The following weekend it was contrasting fortunes for the Panthers in a home double header for league points. On Saturday night they were shocked 5-2 by the visiting Dundee Stars before then comfortably sending the Belfast Giants back over the Irish Sea on the wrong end of a 5-1 scoreline. Last weekend the Panthers saw the Stars garner another two league points with a narrow 2-1 win on Tayside before they returned home to meet the Manchester Storm in Challenge Cup action with the visitors claiming a 3-1 win. Before heading to Fife the Panthers were in league action in midweek with a visit to the Guildford Flames before hosting the Cardiff Devils on Saturday night once again with league points at stake.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM PANTHERS

Thursday 28th March 2024					0	1		Elite League	
Flyers Stats					Panthers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
			29	Goal 1	Nieminen	Roy	Henbrant	24	
			Shots Against	Goal 2				Shots Against	
			24	Goal 3				29	
			PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS	
			4	Goal 5				10	
				Goal 6					
			Goalie	Goal 7				Goalie	
			Owen	Goal 8				Stojanovic	
				Goal 9					
				Goal 10					

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST PANTHERS

P 30 W 13 L 17 F 97 A 109

Number Crunching

The Panthers have won the last two meetings between the sides.

Over the last six meetings at the Auld Barn against the Panthers it has been a case of win one, lose one for the Flyers with the sequence W L W L W L

Including shootout goals the Flyers need three more to bring up 200 against the Panthers across all EIHL competitions.

Heading into the midweek action the Panthers were the only team who had not had a goal scored by a blueliner this season.

The Panthers are also the lowest scoring team in the third period this season whilst they have conceded the fewest goals in the first period amongst all teams so far.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 8



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

Wednesday 23rd October

Sheffield Steelers 6 Dundee Stars 1 Elite League

(0-1, 3-0, 3-0) SOG 30-19 PIMs 4-10 Att 7386

Sheffield Steelers scored six goals in the final 30 minutes of the game to come from behind and beat Dundee Stars 6-1 on Wednesday night at Sheffield Arena. Dundee had by far the better of the opening period and led by one after 20 minutes - but arguably should have been ahead by more. Drydn Dow put the visitors ahead 6:16 into the game with a neat shot to the top corner of Matt Greenfield's net. Alex Tongue and Brendan Harms called Greenfield into excellent close-range saves before the period was out at the visitors took their advantage into the break, and restricted the hosts to few chances. Sheffield turned the game with three goals under as many minutes. Mitchell Balmas tapped home an excellent pass from Sacha Guimond at 34:08 to tie the game, while Patrick Watling put the hosts ahead at 35:15. 22 seconds later, Mikko Juusola tipped Kevin Tansey's shot past Richard Sabol. The game officials reviewed for a high stick, but gave the goal after reviewing the video angles available to them at the time. Juusola added his second 2:30 into the final period, while a Balmas Snipe at 49:52 and a Robert Dowd goal with 1:17 to play wrapped things up for the Steelers.

Saturday 26th October

Guildford Flame 1 Belfast Giants 3 Elite League

(0-3, 1-0, 0-0) SOG 32-21 PIMs 4-8 Att 1918

Belfast Giants started their weekend of road games in England with a road win in Guildford, all of their goals coming in the opening period. The Flames had the better of the early chances, only a Cameron Pound poke-check taking the puck off Josh Waller's stick and then Jake Jacome shooting over stopping the hosts going ahead. However, Belfast hit three goals in the final four minutes of the opening period to take control of the game. Grant Mismash's pass into the slot set up Pierre-Olivier Morin for the close finish on the powerplay on the 16-minute mark to open the scoring, while 29 seconds later a Scott Conway pass across the slot found Elijah Barriga for a shot on Jake Kupsy - the Flames netminder stopped his attempt, but the puck rebounded terribly off Charlie Dodero's skate and into the net to make it 2-0. Mismash then found the net himself with 23 seconds left in the period to put the Giants into a comfortable lead. Daniel Tedesco set up Dodero to get the Flames on the board, the defenseman's neat hands deking Tom McCollum 4:24 into period two to get the host back in the game. After Daniel Catenacci almost finished off a pretty Flames passing move, Adam Keefe called his timeout with 6:05 left in period two with the Giants giving up too much for their coach's liking - it worked, as they took their two-goal lead into the second break. The atmosphere in the Spectrum remained flat despite the home sides still having 20 minutes to find two goals. Paul Dixon pulled Kupsy for the extra skater with 2:22 to play, but the Flames still couldn't get a second. A late penalty on Scott Conway gave the Flames a powerplay with 26 seconds left to play, but to no avail as Giants held on for a 3-1 win.





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Dundee Stars 2 Nottingham Panthers 1 Elite League

(0-0, 2-1, 0-0) SOG 28-42 PIMs 4-4 Att 1858

Dundee Stars got the better of Nottingham Panthers for the second time in a week with a 2-1 victory at Dundee Ice Arena with over 1,800 fans in attendance. The Stars followed up their 5-2 victory in Nottingham a week prior with a hard-fought home win that saw the game's only three goals all scored in a five-minute window of the second period. "We are pretty happy with two points, I think it was a great team effort. It's a very important so we are happy we could get them, especially at home in front of our fans," said goalie Richard Sabol, who stopped 41 shots on the night. A scoreless opening period in Dundee saw both teams generate some high-quality scoring chances, with both Richard Sabol and Rok Stojanovič being tested. The Stars controlled the pace for the first 10 minutes, however the visiting Panthers pushed and spent the last 10 back into things. Despite this, no team could find the back of the net and ended the period 0-0. Dundee broke the deadlock 02:01 into the second period, capitalising on the first power play opportunity of the game. After Sabol shut the door on a shorthanded breakaway opportunity for the Panthers, the Stars rushed back up the ice and some quick passing by Jake Elmer and Drydn Dow set up Zach Tsekos who sent the puck past Stojanovic. The home team wasted no time in doubling their lead, with Drydn Dow finding the back of the net at 24:37. Brendan Harms sent the Stars' captain the puck in the neutral zone, who skated it behind the Panthers net and wrapped it around on his backhand to give the Stars a 2-0 lead. It took Nottingham less than two minutes to respond, as they cut the deficit in half at 26:23. Oliver Betteridge took the puck over the blue line and fired it from the left of Sabol, Reid Stefanson was waiting in the slot and tapped the puck into the back of the Stars net. The Panthers pressed in the third as they searched for the equaliser, but kept coming up against a defiant Sabol. Stojanovič left for the extra skater with 1:53 still to play as chaos took place in front of Sabol's net but the puck somehow stayed out. Indeed Tsekos was the home side's hero as he swept a puck off the goal line inside the final minute to keep the Stars ahead - a play the officials checked the video to for to be certain. Matt Alfaro took a Tripping minor with 17 seconds to go after the puck came out of the Stars' zone which effectively ended the game. Speaking of the frantic last few minutes, Sabol added: "You try not to think too much, you try to be in the moment and keep your eyes on the puck to try and make a save. "We have great fans, they are loud and are cheering for us all game long which definitely helps but we need to take points from the away games, we can't just rely on our home games."

Manchester Storm 2 Coventry Blaze 6 Elite League

(2-0, 0-3, 0-3) SOG 24-29 PIMs 16-8 Att 2014

Coventry Blaze maintained their unbeaten start to League play with a win in Altrincham over Manchester Storm, coming from 2-0 down to remain the only team yet to lose in the league. Goals 31 seconds apart put the Storm two ahead early at the Storm Shelter. A wonderful Alexis D'Aoust pass from behind the net set up Jake Durflinger for his tenth goal of the season 8:03 into the game to put Storm ahead. On the very next play, a Jow Morrow shot that was sailing wide was tipped in front by Grant Herbert to double the home side's lead. It could have been worse for the visitors when the Storm scored a third at 14:20, however Kevin Moore opted to challenge was the goal was waived off for goalie interference after review. There was a penalty shot called on the play for an Alex Kuqali hook prior to the goal, but D'Aoust couldn't beat Robson and the Blaze came out of the entire situation just two down. That decision by Moore looked even more important by the end of the second period. Excellent passing across the Storm's zone on the powerplay saw Michael Regush feed Brandon Alderson to get the Blaze back into things on the 28-minute mark. Some seven minutes later, Morten Jurgens took a bobbling Jack Hopkins pass and scooped the puck over Evan Weninger to tie the game with 4:19 left in the period. Jackson Cressey completed the turnaround at 38:23 to put the Blaze 3-2 in front. Greyson Constable beat Weninger in the slot 4:28 into the third to put the Blaze two ahead, before Zach Heintz capitalised on a puck caught in Morrow's feed to make it 5-2 just over two minutes later. Nick Seitz finished a 2-on-1 by converting Cressey's feed to make it 6-2 shorthanded just before the 50-minute mark as the Blaze put themselves into a comfortable lead that they held until the final buzzer.



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Sheffield Steelers 4 Cardiff Devils 2 Challenge Cup

(1-0, 2-1, 1-2) SOG 34-13 PIMs 13-15 Att 7176

Sheffield Steelers moved top of Challenge Cup Group A with two-goal win over Cardiff Devils in front of over 7,000 fans at the Utilita Arena. Early penalties put the Steelers on the front-foot and saw them eventually take the lead. On their third powerplay of the game, following a penalty to Tyler Busch for Kneeing, Marc-Olivier Vallerand came in at the back post to put the Steelers ahead with Bowns pulled out of position and 9:33 played. The period ended with the hosts just one ahead, although it could have been more as they heavily outshot their Welsh visitors. Three minutes into period two, a Kevin Tansey shot was re-directed past Bowns by Angelo Miceli in front for his first Steelers goal and their second on the night. At 30:58 the Devils' breakout didn't work as planned with Josh MacDonald mishandling the puck in the neutral zone, allowing Daniel Ciampini to turn the puck over. His intended feed to Brandon Whistle was blocked, but the puck bounced perfectly to Mark Simpson to finish into a gaping net and make it 3-0. The Steelers were good value for their lead through 40 minutes, restricting the Devils to just eight shots. Cardiff needed something, and whatever Pete Russell said in the locker room got the response he wanted. 23 seconds into the final period a Koen Olishefski shot from the point was tipped in front by Tyler Busch past Matt Greenfield to put the visitors on the board. Some seven minutes later, Cole Sanford's excellent wrist shot beat Greenfield top shelf on the powerplay to make it a one-goal game with just over 12 minutes still left to play. When Mikko Juusola was called for High-Sticking with 7:53 to play the visitors again went to work, but they almost conceded on the delayed penalty with a mis-placed racing towards the empty net but just wide. Having failed to score with the extra skater and time ticking away, Bowns was pulled with 30 seconds to play. The Steelers turned the puck over immediately though and saw Mark Simpson slot into the empty net just nine seconds later to wrap things up for the Steelers.

Sunday 27th October

Nottingham Panthers 1 Manchester Storm 3 Challenge Cup

(0-1, 1-2, 0-0,) SOG 39-25 PIMs 8-6 Att 5437

Manchester Storm kept their hopes of making the next round of the Challenge Cup very much alive with a 3-1 win in Nottingham over the Panthers. Loren Ulett broke the deadlock early with a quick shot that beat Ryan Bednard five-hole that may have deflected on its way to the net. That was one of only three shots on target that Storm had in the opening period, - Evan Weninger kept them ahead at the other end as the hosts successfully killed off two penalties and absorbed a large amount of Panthers pressure. Tyler Hinam did hit a post inside the closing moments of the period as the Storm hit on the counter attack. The home side started period two the better, and indeed were on top for 15 of the 20 second-period minutes. Kristoff Kontos took a Matt Spencer stretch pass and beat Weninger five-hole to level the game. The Panthers' dominance earlier in the period, but failure to add to their tally, came back to haunt them in the final five minutes of the second. Stephan Johnson fed Hinam to score 2-on-1 shorthanded and put the Storm back ahead at 35:36, while 26 seconds before the buzzer Ulett wristed one past Bednard from the top of the circle to score on a powerplay and give Storm a 3-1 lead. The closest Manchester came to extending their lead in the early stages of period three came via Bednard who almost fired the puck into his own net as he went to play it around the back boards. Weninger pulled off a good quick stop on a Reid Stefanson shot from close range as the Panthers tried to get one back inside the final five minutes. Bednard was pulled with over three minutes to go as the Panthers played their final card to get back into things. Ulett blocked one of the Panthers' best chances to fire a shot from the point, while Ryan Hughes almost found the empty net from his own goal line only for the puck to come back off the outside of the post. Storm held out for the win and keep themselves in with a realistic shot of making the next round of the Cup.





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Coventry Blaze 2 Belfast Giants 5 Elite League

(0-2, 2-1, 0-2,) SOG 23-36 PIMs 4-12 Att 2115

Coventry Blaze's unbeaten League start came to an end at the hands of Belfast Giants, who made it a four-point weekend on the road in England. JJ Piccinich was the star for the visitors with a hat trick. "I thought our team played awesome, I was the beneficiary of three good team plays and the rest is history, we had a good weekend," said the Giants forward. "We couldn't have asked for anything better over these two games. In Guildford we started well and held on, whereas tonight we got the lead, gave up a little but finished strong." The Giant took the lead just past the 11-minute mark when Scott Conway got on a loose puck and beat Mat Robson. The hosts saw two powerplay chances come and go before being dealt a blow the other way – with David Clements in the box, Piccinich drove the net and lifted the puck over Robson to double the lead at 18:21. Coventry peppered Tom McCollum with shots at the beginning of period two but without finding a way to get the puck over the line. Somewhat against the run of play, Robson thought he had a Josh Roach shot, but the puck bounced free and onto the stick of Piccinich to make it 3-0 with 28:08 gone in the game. A Chase Gresock fly-by tipped Alessio Luciani's shot past McCollum 59 seconds later to get the hosts back into things. And they were very much back in the game 57 seconds before the end of the period as Jack Hopkins fed Morten Jurgens for a sensational whip into the top corner of McCollum's net to make it 2-3. 68 seconds into period three, Piccinich was given space off a faceoff win to fire home from the high slot to make it a hat trick and put the Giants back two ahead. That goal seemed to stall the home side's momentum, and when Bo Hanson's shot was tipped past Robson by a Blaze defenseman, the Giants had a 5-2 lead they weren't going to lose.

Cardiff Devils 4 Guildford Flames 1 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 2-1, 1-0,) SOG 30-24 PIMs 8-12 Att 3110

Cardiff Devils got the result they needed to stay in the hunt for a place directly into the Challenge Cup Semi-Finals with a 4-1 home win over Guildford Flames at a sold-out Vindico Arena. Former Devils Josh Waller put the Flames ahead at 5:32 when he finished a breakaway past the returning Mac Carruth after Josh Batch lost the puck on the Flames blue line. Reid Duke levelled the game just over six minutes later, batting a bouncing puck past Jake Kupsy. After penalties on each team, it was the Devils who moved into the lead. Kupsy had made the initial save off Ryan Barrow's shot but didn't have the puck covered, and Kohen Olischefski got on the rebound at 29:35 to put the hosts 2-1 in front. Six minutes after going ahead, Barrow put the Devils 3-1 up with a rebound off a Duke shot to finish on the powerplay. Guildford had possession in the final period to force their way back into things, but lacked a cutting edge in front of Carruth. Kupsy left the net with 89 seconds to play for the extra skater, but Batch settled the game with a lofted shot from his own blue line that nestled neatly into the empty net. The win listed the Devils into fourth in Group A, while Guildford finished their Cup campaign in last with only two wins from ten games.





Goalies

- 30 Cameron Kenny
50 Shane Owen
36 Jānis Voris

Defencemen

- 5 Noah Delmas
71 Madi Dikhanbek
7 Tyler Heidt
9 Brodie Kay
88 Daniel Krenželok
19 Patrick 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
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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Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



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

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

Goalies

35 Ryan Bednard
 30 Rok Stojanovic
 72 Hunter Vorva

Defencemen

23 Bradley Bowering
 93 Ben Brown
 79 Davis Bunz
 70 Zsombor Garát
 26 Jaakko Niskala
 24 Matt Spencer
 25 Joshua Tetlow 'A'
 4 Quinn Wichers
 7 Cooper Zech

Forwards

21 Matt Alfaro
 39 Adam Berg
 74 Oliver Betteridge 'A'
 17 Tim Doherty
 44 Oliver Endicott
 98 Didrik Henbrant
 41 Sam Herr 'C'
 14 Jordan Kelsall
 16 Kristoff Kontos
 61 Logan Neilson
 43 Otto Nieminen
 20 Thomas Palmer
 13 Hugo Roy 'A'
 19 Reid Stefanson

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

VISITING THE BARN

As teams make their first visits to the Auld Barn this season we continue to look back at the changes made to their rosters in the close season. Panthers first move came on April 15th when they announced that Head Coach Jonathan Paredes would not be returning to the team in 2024/25. The Frenchman took up an opportunity with Ducs D'Angers. A few days later and the first announcement on the player front was a the return of Finnish forward **Otto Nieminen**. The 27-year-old had a fantastic first year with the Panthers, playing all 54 Elite League games last season and led the team in goals (25) and points (52). He was named Fans' Player of the Year and was the joint-winner of the MVP with Hugo Roy which was selected by the coaching staff Nieminen said: "There are so many reasons why I wanted to come back - the amazing fanbase, the facilities and I have just enjoyed my team here so much. Since leaving Finland, this is where I have been my most happiest so it was a really easy decision for me. From playing in Nottingham before in the Champions Hockey League, I knew the noise was loud but last season exceeded my expectations. It was special every night and I just love the noise in this arena. Winning is a big motivation and I want to help bring good times back to the club." The new man behind the bench for this season was announced on April 30th as **Danny Stewart** from the Coventry Blaze. The 45-year-old has over a decade of experience in the Elite League as a coach and joins the Panthers from Coventry Blaze. The Canadian-born former forward first took up a coaching role as player-coach with Newcastle Vipers in 2010-11, winning Coach of the Year in the EIHL's end-of-season awards. He spent five seasons as player-assistant coach and then associate coach with the Flyers before moving to Coventry for the 2016-17 season. Stewart first arrived in the UK as a player for Coventry in 2006-07 and was part of the Blaze side that won back-to-back Elite League titles. "There were many things that attracted me to the role," said Stewart. "The history of Nottingham, the resources available, the staff and people involved with the club. I'm excited. We will play fast but we will also be a team that plays for each other. My teams have done that in the past and that will be our expectation. Nottingham is a great fanbase and a great city and I have a bit of history as back in my playing days Coventry and Nottingham were great rivals. I say it every year when I get asked that Nottingham is my favourite venue. Being able to experience that week in, week out will be exciting." Into the month of May and the Panthers re-signed homegrown forward **Jordan Kelsall** for a sixth successive season. The 24-year-old, who was born in Nottingham, had a standout campaign in 2023-24 and was named British Player of the Year. Kelsall first iced for the Panthers in 2017-18 on a two-way deal with NIHL side Swindon Wildcats and spent the following year on-loan with Dundee Stars. He joined Panthers full-time in 2019-20 and was part of the roster than won the behind-closed-doors Elite Series in 2021. On May 6th it was confirmed that Joe Hazeldine would depart the club as he moved North to join the Glasgow Clan. Another homegrown forward, **Oliver Betteridge** was returned to the roster. The 28-year-old, who is a hugely popular member of the Panthers roster on and off-the ice, first iced for the club as a teenager in 2011-12 and signed his first full-time deal in 2015-16. He's since made over 350 appearances, winning the Challenge Cup twice, the playoff title, the Continental Cup and the behind-closed-doors Elite Series. Betteridge was also part of the Great Britain set up over the summer in the World Championships in Prague and the Olympic qualifiers. Defenceman **Joshua Tetlow** was the next to resign. The 26-year-old first joined the club in 2017 and has gone on to make over 250 appearances in the black and gold. This season will be his sixth year with the club with the only spell away coming in 2022-23 when he played 55 games for RoKi in the Finnish second tier. Tetlow, who has won 19 international caps, was again part of the GB teams over the offseason months. Another returnee was announced next, forward **Logan Neilson**, the 21-year-old having completed his first professional season and voted the Elite League's Under-23 Player of the Year. Neilson scored eight goals and added nine assists for 17 points before injury ended his season early. The campaign included a six-game scoring streak and eight goals in a 10-match span in February/March. He was selected for GB's training camp squad ahead of the World Championship and played in two matches against Poland at Planet Ice Leeds and the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.

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The first non-homegrown returnee was forward **Hugo Roy**. The 26-year-old played in every Elite League game last season and scored 48 points, which included 24 goals and 24 assists in 54 matches. Roy won the prestigious Players' Player of the Year last season as voted for by his team-mates and was also named MVP by the coaches in a joint-award with Otto Nieminen. The Panthers first new addition was announced on 29th May as being Calgary-born forward **Matt Alfaro** from Ravensburg. The 27-year-old joined the Panthers from Germany where he played last season for Ravensburg Towerstars in the DEL2, scoring 14 goals and contributing 22 assists for 36 points in the regular-season. He added six points in the post-season (3+3) as he helped the Towerstars to the quarter-finals of the playoffs, before losing a thrilling seven-game series to eventual winners Polar Bears Regensburg. After playing three years of college hockey for the University of Calgary in the USports league, Alfaro turned professional with East Coast Hockey League side Wheeling Nailers in 2020-21. He made an immediate impact and was named Alternate Captain in 2021-22 and became a top-line centre in the league, scoring 70 points (21+49) in 88 matches. Alfaro earned multiple call-ups to the highly-rated American Hockey League and secured an AHL contract for the 2022-23 season. In total, Alfaro has iced in 70 AHL games for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, Manitoba Moose and Abbotsford Canucks. June commenced with confirmation that Simon Despres would not return and would also join the Glasgow Clan. June 5th and news that the Panthers were thrilled to welcome back fans' favourite **Sam Herr** for the 2024-25 season. The 31-year-old was the Elite League's leading points-scorer when he was last with the Panthers in the 2019-20 campaign which was cut short by the covid pandemic. Herr, who was the Panthers captain, was named on the EIHL's First All-Star Team as he scored 30 goals and contributed 29 assists for 59 points in just 46 league matches. The USA-born forward added 17 points (6+11) in 12 games in the Challenge Cup and nine points (5+4) in six matches in the Continental Cup as Panthers won the silver medal. After leaving Nottingham, Herr had a season in Austria with Innsbruck where he scored 19 goals and 21 assists for 40 points. He's spent the past three years in the DEL2 with Ravensburg Towerstars, scoring 149 points (76+73) at just under a point per game. Herr scored 43 points (24+19) in 39 post-season matches and captained Ravensburg to a championship in 2022-23. "I'm smiling, I'm head over heels excited, my family's excited and we're so happy to be coming back," said Herr. "I felt the love from day one in Nottingham last time. The fanbase in Nottingham, I have not experienced anything like it anywhere else and that's the truth. It was a new face next when experienced Canadian defenceman **Matt Spencer** was confirmed. The 27-year-old had an impressive junior career with the Peterborough Petes of the Ontario Hockey League, earning a call-up to the Canada U18 World Championship team where he won a bronze medal along with current NHL stars Matthew Barzal and Thomas Chabot. He was picked in the second round, 44th overall, by Tampa Bay Lightning in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft. The Canadian began his professional career in North America and has played over 150 games in the East Coast Hockey League for Adirondack Thunder, Orlando Solar Bears and Cincinnati Cyclones. He's also received numerous call-ups to the highly-regarded American Hockey League, playing 54 games across stints with Syracuse Crunch and Rochester Americans. Spencer moved into Europe for the 2021-22 season to play for Austrian side Dornbirner EC before moving to the HC Pustertal of Italy. Last year, he scored 14 points (3+11) in the regular season and then added five points (2+3) in the playoffs as he helped SønderjyskE become Danish Champions. Two further departures were announced, Tyler Welsh and Stephen Anderson before another new arrival. Defenceman **Davis Bunz**, the 25-year-old linked-up with the Panthers after two impressive seasons in the ECHL with Wheeling Nailers. The USA-born blueliner spent five years with Providence College in the NCAA - the top college league in North America. Bunz turned professional in 2022-23 and scored three goals and added 20 assists for 23 points in 58 league games for the Nailers. His leadership skills saw him named Alternate Captain last season and he returned 31 points (10+21) in 58 regular-season matches. He added five points (2+3) in the post-season as he helped Wheeling to the Divisional Finals of the ECHL playoffs.

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Swedish forward **Didrik Henbrant** was confirmed as returning. The 26-year-old scored 13 goals and contributed 27 assists for 40 points in his first full professional season. Henbrant netted a number of highlight-reel goals as he lit-up the Elite League with his speed and skill. "I am super excited to be back," said Henbrant. "I have never experienced support like we did last season. It was truly amazing". Henbrant made his professional debut in 2016-17 in the SHL - the top league in Sweden - for Linköping HC after coming through their junior system. Prior to joining the Panthers, he spent four years playing in the highly-rated NCAA - the top level of college hockey in North America. American defenceman **Cooper Zech** became the latest new addition to round out the month of June. The 25-year-old was a free-scoring defenceman as a junior and continued that in the NCAA, as he led Ferris State University in scoring with 28 points (8+20) in 36 matches. His performances brought him to the attention of the Providence Bruins and he signed his first professional contract with the AHL side in March 2019. He spent two-and-a-half years with the Bruins organisation which included a loan stint with top Slovakian side HK Nitra in 2020-21 when the AHL had a delayed start because of the pandemic, before returning to play for Providence for the rest of the season. After impressing in Providence, Zech went on to sign an NHL contract with Philadelphia for the 2021-22 season, icing for the Flyers' AHL affiliate Lehigh Valley Phantoms. Zech then joined the Chicago Blackhawks organisation in 2022-23, playing mainly for their AHL affiliate side Rockford Ice Hogs, as well as a brief stint in the ECHL with Indy Fuel before being traded to New York Rangers as part of the Patrick Kane deal. Last season, Zech made the move to reigning Slovakian champions HC Kosice, scoring 18 points (3+15). July 4th saw American forward **Tim Doherty** added to the new faces. The 28-year-old arrived at the Panthers from Cortina who he helped reached the final of the Alps Hockey League playoffs. He joined the Italian side from North America at the backend of last season and scored seven points in eight regular-season matches, before added 21 points (7+14) in the playoffs and was the league's leading scorer in the post-season. Doherty scored nearly 100 points in his four years in the NCAA and turned pro in his final year at college, earning himself a contract at ECHL side Allen Americans. He made the move to Wheeling Nailers the same season and the following year scored 45 points (27+18) in his first full campaign as a professional, playing on the same team as recent signing Matt Alfaro. In 2022-23 he joined Maine Mariners where he led the team in points (73) and assists (52) in 69 regular-season matches. After splitting his time between Maine and Cincinnati Cyclones last season, Doherty made the move to Europe to join Cortina. A week later and it was another player new to the EIHL in the shape of Canadian forward **Adam Berg**. The 27-year-old Calgary-born winger joins the Panthers after two seasons in the ECHL. The 6'1" forward spent five years with Brock University in the USports league and signed his first professional contract with Cincinnati Cyclones in his final season at college. Last season, Berg began the year with the Cyclones before a trade to Utah Grizzlies where he scored 23 (9+14) points in 50 regular-season matches. July 24th and the Panthers signed ECHL all-star netminder **Ryan Bednard**. The 27-year-old joined the Panthers with an impressive career in North America already on his CV, which started with him being picked as an 18-year-old by Florida Panthers in the seventh round of the 2015 NHL Draft. After three years in college in the NCAA with Bowling Green State University, Florida signed Bednard to a two-year entry-level NHL contract in March 2018. The USA-born netminder has since had regular spells in the AHL, most recently with Grand Rapids Griffins in 2022-23 and last season with Ontario Reign. He's also spent four of the past five seasons with ECHL side Greenville Swamp Rabbits, playing under former Cardiff Devils coach Andrew Lord since 2020-21. Last season, Bednard set a franchise record in Greenville when he secured his seventh career shutout for the Swamp Rabbits. On the same day the Panthers completed their goaltending tandem with the signing of **Hunter Vorva**. The 28-year-old highly-rated prospect joined the Panthers after an impressive season with his hometown club Kalamazoo Wings in the ECHL where he returned a 0.92 save percentage. The USA-born goalie had a solid four-year college career in the NCAA, being named Player of the Season in 2018-19, before spending part of the lockdown 2020-21 campaign in France as he helped Marseille to the championship title. In 2020-21, he led the SPHL with Huntsville Havoc in goals against (1.93) and save percentage (.934) and was named the league's Goaltender of the year. His performances in the minor leagues and the ECHL attracted the attentions of the AHL scouts, earning him professional tryout contracts with Cleveland Monsters and Rochester Americans.

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The new faces kept on coming with experienced forward **Kristoff Kontos** added to the roster on July 26th. The 30-year-old Canadian centre, who began his career in North America, arrived in Nottingham after six free-scoring years across Europe. After stints in the ECHL with Toledo Walleye and Orlando Solar Bears very early in his career, Kontos helped lead St Francis Xavier University to two successive college championships in 2016 and 2017. Kontos joined French side Gap and returned 38 points (9+29) in 44 regular-season matches. The following year he immediately made an impact for Vimmerby HC in the HockeyEttan in Sweden with 25 points in 18 games, but lockdown ended the season early. The forward lit the league up with Bodens HF a season later, scoring 23 goals and leading the league in assists (39) and points (62). Kontos then moved up to the HockeyAllsvenskan to join Kristianstads IK and scored at just under a point per game, leading the team in assists (33) and points (48) which saw him finish in the top-10 points-scorers in the league. He joined Slovakian top-flight side HC Banska Bystrica in 2022-23 where he was the top-line centre, scoring 41 regular-season points (16+25), before returning to the HockeyAllsvenskan to ice for AIK in the 2023-24 season. Another departure to the Glasgow Clan was confirmed as Felix Pare. British netminder **Luca Sheldon** was resigned as the 22-year-old Nottingham-born goalie returned for his third successive season. Sheldon, who came through the Nottingham Ice Hockey Club junior system, will again be on a two-way deal with NIHL 1 side Nottingham Lions. Early August and Finnish defenceman **Jaakko Niskala** was announced. The 25-year-old has four years' experience in Finland's top division Liiga, icing in over 100 games. Last year, the 6'2" blueliner made the move to France where he scored 15 points (1+14) for Amiens in the regular season. The Panthers appointed **Linton Grant** as the club's new Assistant Coach. The 27-year-old, who was born in Birmingham, has spent the past decade working in North America. He played for Solihull Barons as a junior before moving with his family to Canada as a teenager. Grant spent five years working in Mount Royal University in Canada in the CIS and USports leagues, before moving to work in the NCAA with the University of Michigan. Last season, Grant was Assistant Coach with Okotoks Oilers in the Alberta Junior Hockey League. August 10th and Mathieu Lemay departed to join Jonquiere Marquis. The Panthers added some British depth for the future with Peterborough Phantoms defenceman **Bradley Bowering**, Leeds Knights forward **Oliver Endicott** and Milton Keynes defenceman/forward **Ben Brown** signing two-way contracts. Peterborough-born Bowering came through the Phantoms junior system and is now a regular in the NIHL. The 22-year-old made 10 World Championship appearances for GB as a junior, five for the under-18s and five for the under-20s, and was selected as one of the NextGen prospects for GB Men's training camp in Cardiff in August.

Swindon-born Endicott has spent the past two years with Leeds Knights and scored 37 points (12+25) for the NIHL side last season. Endicott, 20, was GB regular as a junior and was Alternate Captain for the under-20s in the past two World Championship campaigns. Dundee-born Brown, who can play in defence or as a forward, began his career with his hometown club and iced for the Stars in the EIHL in 2022-23. The GB junior international moved to Milton Keynes Lightning last season where he scored 20 points (6+14) in his first NIHL campaign. Mid-August and the Panthers have signed Canadian forward **Reid Stefanson**. The 27-year-old joins the Panthers from Austrian side Vienna Capitals who play in the Central European league, the ICEHL. Stefanson iced for UMass-Lowell in the NCAA and was named Rookie of the Year in his first season, before going on to have four successful years in the top university league. The 6'0" forward, who can play at centre or on the wing, turned pro midway through the 2021-22 campaign when he joined ECHL side Maine Mariners. In the 2022-23 season, he played with another new Panther, Tim Doherty, as he scored 47 points (22+25) for the Mariners and was the leading forward in the plus-minus column with +22. The final blueline addition was made on August 19th when the Panthers signed defenceman **Quinn Wichers**. Wichers, who celebrated his 27th birthday that day arrived in Nottingham from ECHL side Utah Grizzlies where he scored 16 points (2+14) last season on the same team as fellow new Panther Adam Berg. After four years in the NCAA with Mercyhurst University, Wichers turned pro in 2021-22 when he signed a contract with Rapid City Rush. The 6'4" blueliner has since had extensive experience in North America and has played 26 times in the American Hockey League, with call-ups to Tucson Roadrunners and San Diego Gulls. Since the start of the season the Panthers have made another couple of moves.











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At the start of October Panthers signed Hungary International defenceman **Zsombor Garát**. The 6 foot 1 blueliner has played 40 games for Hungary in World Championship tournaments and Olympic Qualifiers - and has domestic experience in Europe and North America. Garát, 27, has played in Nottingham at the Motorpoint Arena before, being part of the Hungary team that beat Great Britain in the Olympic Qualifiers in February 2020. After turning professional in the 2018-19, Garát played in both the Slovakia top-flight and the Erste Liga before moving to North America last season. He played 62 times for Worcester Railers in 2023-24, scoring 15 (2+13) points. Netminder **Rok Stojanovic** returned to the Nottingham Panthers on a two-month contract as cover for the injured Hunter Vorva. The 34-year-old played 45 times in the regular season for the Panthers in 2023-24, securing two shutouts. Stojanovic - a Slovenian international - iced for Sheffield Steelers in the 2021-22 campaign and has extensive experience across Europe. He won championships in Slovenia in 2017 and France in 2018 and led Polish side Krakow to the regular-season title in 2022-23.



LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	14	14	12	16	16	15	15	15	13	12
Challenge Cup Games	7	6	6	9	9	8	9	8	9	7
League Games	7	8	6	7	7	7	6	7	4	5
Biggest Win	7-0 v Flyers	6-1 v Stars	6-0 v Clan	7-0 v Flyers	4-1 v Stars	8-5 v Flyers	6-0 v Blaze	7-3 v Clan	5-1 v Flyers v Giants	6-1 v Stars
Biggest Loss	1-5 v Giants	2-4 v Steelers	0-6 v Flames	1-6 v Devils v Steelers	0-7 v Giants v Stars	0-6 v Blaze	2-6 v Devils	3-7 v Giants	2-5 v Stars	2-4 v Blaze
Longest Win Streak	5	4	6	2	1	4	2	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	2	1	4	6	7	4	4	3	2	2
Current Streak	2 Wins	1 Win	1 Loss	1 Win	7 Losses	1 Win	3 Losses	1 Win	2 Losses	4 Wins
Fastest Goal	00:58	00:50	06:08	01:08	02:44	00:08	00:21	00:29	02:12	00:14
Shut Out For	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	0
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	54	49	36	39	32	38	31	49	41	40
Powerplay	13	12	11	6	7	9	7	11	13	5
Even Strength	39	35	22	33	25	27	22	37	28	34
Shorthanded	2	2	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	1
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	4	4	5	9	4	6	10	2	0	7
Powerplay	1	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	2
Even Strength	3	4	2	7	3	1	7	1	0	5
Shorthanded	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	32	28	32	58	68	47	45	52	28	25
Penalty Kill	10	9	11	7	8	13	12	13	5	6
Even Strength	20	19	19	49	59	32	33	37	21	19
Shorthanded	2	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	2	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	4	2	3	8	8	7	4	5	5	5
Penalty Kill	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	2	2	0
Even Strength	4	0	2	8	4	3	3	3	3	4
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	21	12	5	17	11	12	9	20	18	14
Goals Scored Period 2	15	22	15	16	13	15	15	18	13	15
Goals Scored Period 3	21	19	21	15	12	17	17	12	9	18
Goals Scored OT/SO	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	59	53	42	50	36	44	41	52	42	50
Goals Scored Per Game	4.21	3.79	3.50	3.13	2.25	2.93	2.73	3.47	3.23	4.17
Goals Conceded Period 1	10	9	16	18	25	14	18	15	5	10
Goals Conceded Period 2	11	10	8	28	27	12	19	21	17	8
Goals Conceded Period 3	15	10	10	19	24	28	13	21	11	11
Goals Conceded OT/SO	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
TOTAL Goals Conceded	37	30	36	66	77	55	52	58	34	30
Goals Against Per Game	2.64	2.14	3.00	4.13	4.81	3.67	3.47	3.87	2.62	2.50
Shots For P1	179	142	119	178	196	193	159	138	144	131
Shots For P2	170	180	136	178	170	164	168	153	138	158
Shots For P3	164	141	126	172	150	192	145	149	121	127
Shots For OT	5	0	9	7	2	0	7	4	5	9
TOTAL Shots For	518	463	390	535	518	549	479	444	408	425
Shots for Per Game	37.00	33.07	32.50	33.44	32.38	36.60	31.93	29.60	31.38	35.42
Shots Against P1	130	148	148	184	229	170	154	183	120	107
Shots Against P2	118	146	120	217	234	157	161	194	184	89
Shots Against P3	139	129	123	179	214	155	125	182	143	94
Shots Against OT	8	2	4	9	4	2	2	3	6	11
TOTAL Shots Against	395	425	395	589	681	484	442	562	453	301
Shots Against Per Game	28.21	30.36	32.92	36.81	42.56	32.27	29.47	37.47	34.85	25.08

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TWO NUMBER SIXES - ABEL AND FLETCHER

This article covers a couple of Flyers who wore number 6 during their time with Flyers, a Kirkcaldy junior development success from the Heineken era and an import from the British National League days.

Neil Abel was a local boy who played in eleven seasons for Flyers and also appeared for a number of other UK clubs during his playing career. "Big Neilly" made his debut for Flyers in 1979/80 season as an 18 year old, playing in four games and registering one assist. He became a regular fixture in Flyers' line-up the following season totalling 30 appearances, second only to Jimmy Jack and scored 4+8.

His first Flyers' goal was in a 16-2 win over Durham on 10/01/81. The excitement of his first marker obviously had an effect on the Fife Free Press reporter, who credited his goal to Ian Able!! Towards the end of 81/82, Neilly and Andy Linton made the move to Nottingham, but Abel only played a handful of games before returning back North. Linton returned to Flyers in 84/85. Abel was an ever present in the first season of the British League in 82/83 scoring 10+12 and also was credited with a hat trick in a challenge game against Ayr in the middle of April 1983. He was a resilient player who could be depended upon over the next eight seasons, only missing a handful of games over that time. He was a valuable member of Flyers' Heineken Championship winning team at Wembley in May 1985 and played in the squads that were beaten finalists in the Autumn Cup of 1984 and 1986.

His Flyers career came to an unfortunate end in 1991/92 season as Flyers battled to regain their Premier Division status, following the catastrophic relegation the previous season. His last game for Flyers was a 6-10 defeat at Telford on 01/02/92 and was dropped from the squad following that game. His last Flyers' goal was the previous weekend, in a 7-5 win against Lee Valley Lions.



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After his Flyers' career finished he played for an extended time for a number of clubs including Edinburgh, Blackburn and Sheffield clubs Steelers and Scimitars. At Scimitars he had spells as player coach and Head Coach and was then Assistant Coach at Steelers. His value to Scimitars was rewarded in February 2007, when he was given a testimonial in respect of his services to the club. Appropriately he had a second testimonial at Kirkcaldy on 3rd May 2008 when he iced in a Flyers select against a Best of British select with the same programme being used for both testimonial matches. My memories of Neil Abel, are that of a solid no nonsense defenceman with a booming slapshot from the blue line.



Ian Fletcher (left) was an import defenceman, who joined Flyers for 2003/04 season and was part of a talented defence corps including fellow import Greg Kuznik and local Dmen Derek King, Kyle Horne and Euan Forsyth, ably back stopped by goalie Steve Briere. Prior to signing for Flyers, Fletcher had played for University of Alabama-Huntsville in the NCAA. He made his Flyers' debut in a 3-2 win over Hull Stingrays in the Findus Cup on 06/09/03, scoring Flyers' second goal at 10.39 of his debut. Flyers' defence in the league that season could have been described as uncompromising, only conceding 97 goals in 36 games. Flyers only lost seven regulation time games and a further three in overtime as they won the BNL title by one point over Guildford Flames. This was after a disappointing start in the Findus Cup group stages, where Flyers only won five of twelve games, but managed to qualify for the semi-final stage where Newcastle Vipers booked their final place on penalty shots after a two legged semi tie. Fletcher only missed six games all season.

This was due to a knee injury, picked up on 04/01/04 at Guildford, but was back to help Flyers clinch the title with a 4-3 overtime victory at Hull on 28/02/04. Six Play-off wins, three defeats and a 2-2 draw against Guildford at home, a game in which Fletcher scored his last Flyers goal meant Flyers again qualified for the semi-final stage, but lost over two legs to Bracknell Bees. His final outing as a Flyer was in the second leg of the Caledonian Cup final at Edinburgh, a 7-6 success against Capitals as Flyers took their second piece of silverware of the season. 2003/04 was Ian Fletcher's last season as a pro hockey player and he left Kirkcaldy as an unsung member of a tight defensive unit, which contributed to Flyers' two trophy wins that year.

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In the second part of our look at the “Types of Penalties” we cover Rule 24 to 28. Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

RULE 24 PENALTY SHOT

24.1 PENALTY SHOT

A “Penalty Shot” is designed to restore a scoring opportunity which was lost as a result of an infraction being committed by the offending Team, based on the parameters set out in these rules.

24.2 PROCEDURE

The Referee shall announce the reason for the assessed “Penalty Shot” and shall have the Skater selected by the Team entitled to take the “Penalty Shot” announced over the Public Address System.

The puck shall then be placed on the Center Face-off Spot and the Player taking the “Penalty Shot” will, on the instruction of the Referee, by blowing their whistle, play the puck from there and shall attempt to score on the Goalkeeper.

The puck must be kept in motion towards the opponent’s Goal Line and once it is shot, the play shall be considered complete.

No goal can be scored on a rebound of any kind (an exception being the puck off the Goal Post or crossbar, then the Goalkeeper and then directly into the goal), and any time the puck crosses the Goal Line or comes to a complete stop, the “Penalty Shot” shall be considered complete.

The “lacrosse-like move” whereby the puck is picked up on the blade of the stick and “whipped” into the net shall be permitted provided the puck is not raised above the height of the shoulders at any time and when released, is not carried higher than the crossbar. Rule 80.1 – High-sticking the Puck.

The “spin-o-rama type move” where the Player completes a 360° turn as they approach the goal, shall not be permitted. Should a Player perform such a move during the “Penalty Shot”, the shot shall be stopped by the Referee and no goal will be the result.

Only a Player designated as a Goalkeeper or alternate Goalkeeper may defend against a “Penalty Shot”.

The Goalkeeper must remain in their crease until the Player taking a “Penalty Shot” has touched the puck.

If at the time a “Penalty Shot” is awarded, the Goalkeeper of the penalized Team has been removed from the ice to substitute another Player, the Goalkeeper shall be permitted to return to the ice before the “Penalty Shot” is taken.

The Team against whom the “Penalty Shot” has been assessed may replace their Goalkeeper to defend against the shot, however, the substitute goalkeeper is required to remain in the game until the next stoppage of play.

While the “Penalty Shot” is being taken, Players of both sides shall withdraw to the sides of the Rink and in front of their own Player’s Bench.

24.3 DESIGNATED PLAYER

In all cases where a “Penalty Shot” has been awarded, the “Penalty Shot” shall be taken by a Skater selected by the Coach or Captain of the non-offending Team from any non-penalized Skater of their Team. Such selection shall be reported to the Referee and cannot be changed.

24.4 VIOLATIONS DURING THE “PENALTY SHOT”

Should the Goalkeeper leave their Crease prior to the Player taking the “Penalty Shot” touching the puck, or committing any infraction, the Referee shall allow the “Penalty Shot” to be taken.

If the “Penalty Shot” fails, the Referee shall permit the “Penalty Shot” to be taken over again. When an infraction worthy of a Minor Penalty is committed by the Goalkeeper during the “Penalty Shot” causing it to fail, no penalty is assessed but the Referee shall permit the “Penalty Shot” to be taken over again.

Should a Goalkeeper commit a second (2nd) violation and the “Penalty Shot” fails, they shall be assessed a Misconduct Penalty and the Referee shall permit the “Penalty Shot” to be taken over again.



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A third (3rd) such violation shall result in the Goalkeeper being assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty and a goal shall be awarded.

When a Major Penalty is committed by the Goalkeeper that causes the shot to fail, the Referee shall permit the "Penalty Shot" to be taken over again and the appropriate penalties shall be assessed to the Goalkeeper. The Goalkeeper may attempt to stop the "Penalty Shot" in any manner except by throwing their stick or any object, deliberately removes their helmet and/or face mask, or by deliberately dislodging the goal, in which case a goal shall be awarded.

During the "Penalty Shot", should the Goalkeeper, in an attempt at making a save, dislodge the goal accidentally, the Referee shall make one of the following determinations:

(I) Award a goal if they deem the Player would have scored into the area normally occupied by the net had it not been dislodged.

(II) Allow the "Penalty Shot" to be re-taken if they do not score or it could not be determined if the puck would have entered the area normally occupied by the net.

(III) If the goal becomes dislodged after the puck has crossed the Goal Line thus ending the "Penalty Shot", the above determinations do not apply, the "Penalty Shot" is complete.

If, while a "Penalty Shot" is being taken, any Player, Coach or team personnel of the opposing Team interferes with or distracts the Player taking the "Penalty Shot" and, because of such action, the "Penalty Shot" fails, a second (2nd) attempt shall be permitted.

The Referee shall impose a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending Team, and if a Player on the Bench is responsible, a Misconduct Penalty on the Player responsible shall be assessed. When a Coach or team personnel is guilty of such an act, a Game Misconduct Penalty shall be assessed on the responsible person and the matter will be reported to the Proper Authorities for possible further disciplinary action.

If, while the "Penalty Shot" is being taken, any Player, Coach or team personnel of the Team taking the "Penalty Shot" interferes with or distracts the Goalkeeper defending the "Penalty Shot" and, because of such action, the shot is successful, the Referee shall rule no goal and shall impose a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending Team.

If while the "Penalty Shot" is being taken a spectator throws any object onto the ice that in the judgment of the Referee interferes with the Player taking the "Penalty Shot" or the Goalkeeper defending the "Penalty Shot", they shall permit the "Penalty Shot" to be taken again. For incidents involving stick measurements refer to: Rule 10.5 Sticks Measurement and Rule 10.6 – Sticks Measurement – Prior to Penalty Shot.

24.5 FACE-OFF LOCATION

If a goal is scored from a "Penalty Shot", the puck shall be faced-off at Center ice. If a goal is not scored, the puck shall be faced-off at either of the end Face-off Spots in the zone in which the "Penalty Shot" was attempted, except when another rule dictates the "face-off" location should be in an alternate location, such as when the "point men" enter the zone beyond the outer edge of the End Zone Face-off Circle or when the attacking Team has been penalized on the same play. Rule 76.2 – Face-off Locations.

24.6 RESULTS

Should a goal be scored from a "Penalty Shot", a further penalty to the offending Player shall not be applied unless the offense for which the "Penalty Shot" was awarded is a Major or Misconduct Penalty, in which case the appropriate penalty shall be imposed.

If the offense for which the "Penalty Shot" was awarded would normally incur a Minor Penalty, then regardless of the outcome of the "Penalty Shot", no further Minor Penalty shall be served.

If the offense for which the "Penalty Shot" was awarded was to incur a Double-minor Penalty, or where the offending Team is assessed an additional Minor Penalty on the same play, the first Minor Penalty is not assessed since the "Penalty Shot" was awarded to restore the lost scoring opportunity. The second Minor Penalty would be assessed and served regardless of whether the "Penalty Shot" results in a goal. This will be announced as a Double-minor Penalty for the appropriate infraction and the Player will serve two (2) minutes only.

No penalty shall expire when a goal is scored against a Team on a "Penalty Shot".



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Should two (2) "Penalty Shots" be awarded to the same Team at the same stoppage of play (two (2) separate infractions), only one (1) goal can be scored or awarded at a single stoppage of play. Should the first "Penalty Shot" result in a goal, the second "Penalty Shot" would not be taken but the appropriate penalty would be assessed and served for the infraction committed.

24.7 TIMING

If the infraction upon which the "Penalty Shot" is based occurs during actual playing time, the "Penalty Shot" shall be awarded and taken immediately in the usual manner notwithstanding any delay occasioned by a slow whistle by the Referee to allow play to continue until the attacking side has lost possession of the puck to the defending side, to which this delay results in the expiry of the regular playing time in any period. The time required for the taking of a "Penalty Shot" shall not be included in the regular playing time or Overtime.

24.8 INFRACTIONS

When a Player, in the Neutral or Attacking Zone, in "control" of the puck (or who could have obtained "possession and control" of the puck) and having no other opponent to pass than the Goalkeeper, is fouled from behind, thus preventing a reasonable scoring opportunity, a "Penalty Shot" shall be awarded to the non-offending Team.

Nevertheless, the Referee shall not stop play until the attacking Team has "lost possession" of the puck to the defending Team.

The intention of this rule is to restore a reasonable "scoring opportunity" which has been lost. If, however, the Player fouled is able to recover and obtain a "reasonable scoring opportunity" (or a Teammate is able to gain a reasonable scoring opportunity), no

"Penalty Shot" should be awarded but the appropriate penalty should be signaled and assessed if a goal is not scored on the play.

"Control of the puck" means the act of propelling the puck with the stick, hand, or feet.

In order for a "Penalty Shot" to be awarded for a Player being fouled from behind, the following four (4) criteria must have been met:

(I) The infraction must have taken place in the Neutral or Attacking Zone (i.e., over the puck carrier's own Blue Line);

(II) The infraction must have been committed from behind (except a foul committed from the front by the Goalkeeper on a "breakaway" situation);

(III) The Player in "possession and control" (or, in the judgment of the Referee, the Player clearly would have "obtained possession and control" of the puck) must have been denied a reasonable chance to score. The fact that the Player got a shot off does not automatically eliminate this play from the "Penalty Shot" consideration criteria. If the infraction was from behind and the Player was denied a "more reasonable scoring opportunity" due to the infraction, then the "Penalty shot" should still be awarded;

(IV) The Player in "possession and control" (or, in the judgment of the Referee, the Player clearly would have "obtained possession and control") must have had no opposing Player between themselves and the Goalkeeper.

If, in the opinion of the Referee, a Player makes contact with the puck first and subsequently trips the opponent in so doing, no "Penalty Shot" will be awarded, but a Minor Penalty for "tripping" shall be assessed. It should be noted that if the attacking Player manages to get around the Goalkeeper and has no defending Player between them and the "open goal", and they are fouled from behind by the Goalkeeper or another defending Player, no goal can be awarded since the Goalkeeper is still on the ice. A "Penalty Shot" would be awarded.

RULE 25 AWARDED GOALS

25.1 AWARDED GOAL

A goal will be awarded to the attacking Team when the opposing Team has taken their Goalkeeper off the ice and an attacking Player has "possession and control of the puck" (or "would have gained possession and control") in the Neutral or Attacking Zone, without a defending Player between themselves and the opposing goal, and they are "prevented from scoring" as a result of an infraction committed by the defending Team.



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25.2 INFRACTIONS – WHEN GOALKEEPER IS ON THE ICE

A goal will be awarded when an attacking Player with “an imminent scoring opportunity”, is “prevented from scoring” as a result of a defending Player displacing the Goal Post, either “deliberately or accidentally” and it must be determined that the puck would have entered the Goal between the normal position of the Goal Posts. Rule 63.7 – Awarded Goal.

25.3 INFRACTIONS – WHEN GOALKEEPER IS OFF THE ICE

If, when the opposing goalkeeper has been removed from the ice, a player in control of the puck (or who could have obtained possession and control of the puck) in the neutral or attacking zone is tripped or otherwise fouled with no opposition between him and the opposing goal, thus preventing a reasonable scoring opportunity, the Referee shall immediately stop play and award a goal to the attacking team. A list of the infractions that shall result in an awarded goal when the goalkeeper has been removed for an extra attacker is as follows:

- Delaying the game (Goal post displaced)
- Illegal substitution
- Interference
- Leaving the players’ bench or penalty box
- Throwing stick or other object
- Fouling from behind (including hooking, holding, slashing, tripping, etc.)

25.4 INFRACTIONS – DURING THE COURSE OF A “PENALTY SHOT”

A goal will be awarded when a Goalkeeper attempts to stop a “Penalty Shot” by throwing their stick or any other object at the Player taking the “Penalty Shot” or by dislodging the goal (either deliberately or accidentally) or removes their face mask to force an interruption.

RULE 26 DELAYED PENALTIES

26.1 DELAYED PENALTY

If a third (3rd) Player of any Team is penalized while two (2) Players of the same Team are serving penalties, the penalty time of the third (3rd) Player shall not commence until the penalty time of one (1) of the two (2) Players already penalized has elapsed.

The third (3rd) penalized Player must proceed at once to the Penalty Box. They may be substituted for on the ice to keep the “on-ice strength” at no less than three (3) Skaters for their Team. When the penalties of two (2) Players of the same Team will expire at the same time, the Captain of that Team will designate to the Referee which Player will return to the ice first and the Referee will instruct the Penalty Timekeeper accordingly (this is done to expedite the release of a Player from the Penalty Box when the opposing Team scores on the “Power-Play”).

26.2 PENALTY EXPIRATION

When any Team has three (3) Players serving penalties at the same time and because of the Delayed Penalty rule, a substitute for the third (3rd) offender is on the ice, none of the three (3) penalized Players in the Penalty Box may return to the ice until play has stopped.

When play has been stopped, the Player whose penalty has fully expired may return to the ice. During the play, the Penalty Time keeper shall permit the penalized Players to return to the ice, in the order of expiration of their penalties, but only when the penalized Team is entitled to have more than four (4) Players on the ice. Otherwise, these Players must wait until the first stoppage of play after the expiration of their penalties in order to be released from the Penalty Box.

26.3 MAJOR AND MINOR PENALTY

When a Major and a Minor Penalty are imposed at the same time on different Players of the same Team, the Penalty Timekeeper shall record the Minor Penalty as being the first penalty.



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RULE 27 GOALKEEPER'S PENALTIES

27.1 MINOR PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

A Goalkeeper shall not be sent to the Penalty Box for an offense which incurs a Minor Penalty, but instead, the Minor Penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the playing Captain and such substitute shall not be changed. A penalized Player may not serve a Goalkeeper's penalty. If the Goalkeeper is involved in Coincidental Penalties being assessed and as a result, their Team is required to play "short-handed" due to additional penalties assessed to the goalkeeper, the Player designated to serve the additional time penalties assessed to the Goalkeeper may be any Player as designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain.

27.2 MAJOR PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

A Goalkeeper shall not be sent to the Penalty Box for an offense which incurs a Major Penalty, but instead, the Major Penalty shall be served immediately by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

When a Goalkeeper is assessed a Major Penalty plus a Game Misconduct, which is coincidental with a Major Penalty to the opposing Team, no Player is required to serve the Goalkeeper's penalties in the Penalty Box, since they have been ejected from the game.

Should a Goalkeeper incur two (2) Major Penalties in one game (results an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty), they shall be ruled off the ice for the balance of the game and their place shall be taken by a member of their own Team, or by a regular substitute Goalkeeper who is available. Such Player will be allowed the Goalkeeper's full equipment.

27.3 MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

Should a Goalkeeper on the ice incur a Misconduct Penalty, this penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed.

This Player is to be designated by the Coach of the offending Team through the Captain and such substitute shall not be changed.

27.4 GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY TO GOALKEEPER

Should a Goalkeeper incur a Game Misconduct Penalty, their place will then be taken by a member of their own Team, or by a regular substitute Goalkeeper who is available, and such Player will be allowed the Goalkeeper's full equipment.

27.5 LEAVING GOAL CREASE

A Minor Penalty shall be imposed on a Goalkeeper who leaves the immediate vicinity of their Goal Crease during an altercation.

However, should the altercation occur in or near the Goalkeeper's crease, the Referee should direct the Goalkeeper to a neutral location and not assess a penalty for leaving the immediate vicinity of the Goal Crease. Equally, if the Goalkeeper is legitimately outside the immediate vicinity of the Goal Crease for the purpose of proceeding to the Players' Bench to be substituted for an extra attacker, and they subsequently become involved in an altercation, the Minor Penalty for leaving the crease would not be assessed.

In addition, during stoppages of play in the game, they must not proceed to their Players' Bench for the purpose of receiving a replacement stick or equipment or repairs thereto, or due to an injury, or to receive instructions, without first obtaining permission to do so from the Referee. Otherwise, they must be replaced by the substitute Goalkeeper immediately (without any delay) or be assessed a Bench Minor Penalty.

27.6 PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAY OVER THE CENTER RED LINE

If a Goalkeeper participates in the play in any manner (intentionally plays the puck or checks an opponent) when they are beyond the center red line, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed upon them. The position of the puck is the determining factor for the application of this rule.



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27.7 GOALKEEPER RESTRICTED AREA

A Goalkeeper shall not play the puck outside of the goalkeeper restricted area behind the net. Should the Goalkeeper play the puck outside of the goalkeeper restricted area behind the Goal Line, a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game" shall be imposed. The determining factor shall be the position of the puck. The Minor Penalty will not be assessed when a Goalkeeper plays the puck while maintaining skate contact with their Goal Crease.

The designated trapezoidal area is marked with lines behind each goal. The lines run diagonally from the Goal Line to the Boards behind the goal. The outer dimension at the Goal Line is 6.80 m and at the Boards 8.60 m.

27.8 INFRACTIONS – UNIQUE TO GOALKEEPERS

A list of the infractions that shall result in a penalty to the Goalkeeper are:

- Illegal stick
- Illegal equipment
- Leaving crease during an altercation
- Participates in the play beyond the Center Line
- Playing puck outside restricted area
- Proceeds to Players' Bench to replace stick
- Deliberately shoots or bats puck out of play
- Deliberately "freezes" the puck inside or outside the Goal Crease
- Deliberately drops the puck in their pads or on the goal net
- Piling snow or other obstacles
- Throwing the puck towards opponent's goal
- Using blocking glove to punch an opponent (Roughing)¹³.

RULE 28 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

28.1 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

The Proper Authorities may, at their discretion, investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any game played under the jurisdiction of the IIHF, including any championship, pre-championship, practice or exhibition games and league games.

The Proper Authorities may assess additional Disciplinary Measures for any offense committed during the course of a game or any aftermath thereof by a Player, Coach, or team personnel or Team executive, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee(s).

28.2 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP – AND EXHIBITION GAMES

For more information for Supplementary Discipline in pre-championship games and exhibition games, refer to the IIHF Disciplinary Code.

EIHL Annotation - RULE 28-SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

Where there is reference to "The Proper Authorities" within the IIHF Rulebook, this shall refer to the EIHL Department of Player Safety (DOPS) and EIHL Hockey Operations.

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

IIHF Disciplinary Code reference = EIHL DOPS

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

By the time you're reading this Flyers will have faced an arduous trip down to Sheffield on Wednesday as no fewer than four matches were scheduled to take place that night.

With our win/loss column having more L's in it than the Welsh dictionary the trip to Sheffield launched a challenging run as Flyers schedule takes them to Belfast on Saturday before a return to the Auld Barn on Sunday to play Nottingham Panthers. I'm quite partial to a nice Sunday roast however I hope it doesn't take place on the ice!

Returning with Nottingham is former Flyers favourite and latest Panthers head coach Danny Stewart. Whilst down in Coventry we often wondered what he would be capable of achieving with a larger budget within a larger organisation and so far the answer is – not much.

After last weekend Panthers were sitting eighth in the league, just two points ahead of Flyers albeit with two games in hand. They did make a decent run in the Challenged Cup (yes I know it's the Challenge Cup but I prefer my name better) and they are through to the knockout stages. Only eleventytwo more stages until the finalists are decided.

The knockout stages are all but a dream for Flyers who can now focus on the league campaign and getting through the last three Cup qualifying matches unscathed. I'd like to see Janis get the start between the pipes and the likes of Spence and Page get regular shifts just to make good use of those games. I doubt the two games against Giants will make any difference in the group but some may get shirty if Flyers unduly influence the standing in our group. All three matches are away so at least Flyers fans will have minimal heartache if all three are logged as losses.

Minimising the heartache feels like the current mode as we downgrade the expectation level we had at the beginning of the season. Fingers crossed it is a temporary downgrade as there is an opportunity to start pulling ourselves up the league standings if we can produce a series of solid performances. I know some or many will argue with me but I do believe there are good bones to this team. With Artur back home it prompted coach Coolen to move Madi Dikhanbek up front and the Kazak line looked dangerous again. At times they seem unplayable though as entertaining as that is there needs to be a lot more end product.

All in all Flyers look a broken and deflated team. With a few players looking far from their best you cannot help but think there's some icing with undisclosed or not yet fully healed injuries.

There's a big chasm between the crowd raising the roof after the announcement that Tom would be returning to noisily booing the team as the final whistle blew last Sunday. It isn't the first time that has happened; indeed, it is a familiar sound as Flyers fans are not shy about letting their feelings known, good or bad. I'm not sure it helps the guys though and I'm sure even the least attentive player on the ice would realise that the results are way below what anyone would deem to be acceptable. How the organisation, from top to bottom, remedy this lies firmly on their combined shoulders.

All that means it is fruitless reviewing last weekend's matches as with ten goals conceded to two scored it was a proper pre-Halloween scarefest. The only consolation being that Clan fans will be raging that their team couldn't put seven past us last Saturday. Talking about rockets and hopefully with Saturday hosting bonfire night it won't knock the Sunday evening attendance. Fingers crossed then that Flyers score some bangers over the weekend.....sorry.

It isn't all doom and gloom though as Ryan Foss looks to be a cracking signing. His close quarters interplay with Phelix Martineau for the Powerplay goal was an incredibly intelligent hockey play and his finish when given a gilt-edged opportunity on the four on four is the sort of catalyst that injects a bit of confidence back in the team. He certainly won't be a one-man band however the likes of Martin Latal looks desperate to find someone to link up with and get his season going and perhaps Foss may just been that guy. Add into the mix the regen of the Kazak line and it's just a case of taking one shift at a time towards getting to that next win. I hope that has happened before we gather on Sunday but whether it has or not, let's behind our team and enjoy the match.

Darrian

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PRESENTATIONS

DUNDEE STARS OCTOBER 27TH 2024



STARS MOM
JONATHAN MCBEAN



FLYERS MOM
RYAN FOSS



50/50 WINNER



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

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

Fife Flyers face not one but two important Heineken League games this weekend. On Saturday, Durham Wasps visit Kirkcaldy Ice Rink and Flyers will be looking for revenge for their only league defeat so far this season and the following evening Flyers face Whitley Warriors – the team they beat so convincingly last Saturday. Despite that high scoring victory, player-coach Ronnie Plumb still believes the Whitley match will be a tough one. “We had a good win against Whitley on Saturday” he said. “They had a fairly good first period but we wore them down after that but they will be a different proposition on their own ice. It will be a difficult game at Whitley, but we play to win all our games, on the road and at home, and we’ll go there looking for a win. As for Saturday’s match with the English Champions Plumb went on: “They have beaten us in the League, but now they are on the road, coming to us.” The game against the top scoring side in England is one of the most vital Flyers will play this season, and they go into it with a side hit by injury. Although Plumb hopes Andrew Donald will be able to return following a week off after injury against Murrayfield Racers, a training accident on Tuesday has left Chic Cottrell with a depressed fracture of the cheekbone which will put on the sidelines for around eight weeks. Steven Kirk is also unavailable owing to a thumb injury, received in Saturday’s Whitley tie and hattrick hero Jimmy Pennycook is also out due to work commitments. Returning to last week’s victory Plumb was delighted with the high score but voiced a little concern at the number of goals conceded. “At 14 to 7, it’s great to score so many” he said “but we need a little more concentration to keep goals against us down. We have the speed up front, especially in Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown, to get plenty goals and we caught their defence through the speed of our front players”.

10/11/1984 Fife Flyers v Durham Wasps Premier League

Fife Flyers avenged their only defeat of the season so far when they brought Durham Wasps’ 100 percent record to an end at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night. And it was Canadian Danny Brown who emerged from the shadow of his compatriot Dave Stoyanovich to give a brilliant display which brought him seven goals.



Danny Brown (No. 19) sends the Durham netminder the wrong way as he scores his seventh goal of Saturday’s match.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

In front of another 3000 plus crowd, Flyers made a dream start with two goals in little over a minute. Hesitancy in the Durham defence gave Danny Brown the chance to start his goal spree after only 45 seconds and 24 seconds later Brown repeated the dose with a low shot from just inside the blue line. Wasps response was to try and intimidate the Fife side but their tactics backfired as Flyers hit two powerplay goals before the end of the period. Gordon Goodsir made it 3-0 after 12 minutes and just seven seconds from the buzzer Brown completed his hattrick. Flyers continued to dominate proceedings in the second period and with the visitors again falling foul of the referee Dave Stoyanovich took full advantage by slotting the puck into the empty net. A minute later Crapper opened Wasps' account in a breakaway, but Flyers' response was a second hattrick by Brown within the space of 150 seconds! Leading 8-1 at the halfway stage of the match, Flyers had complete control of England's leading outfit, and they eased off towards the end of the period, allowing Durham to test Andrew Donald in the home net. The Kirkcaldy side hit Wasps with another quick goal at the start of the final period when Danny Brown scored but the remainder of the match was something of an anti-climax with Flyers in command. Wasps did manage a second consolation goal through O'Connor two minutes from time but this was a very impressive performance by Flyers against a side who could prove the opposition in next month's Bluecol Cup final.

11/11/1984 Whitley Warriors v Fife Flyers Premier League

After struggling through Saturday's game against Durham with an ankle injury, Dave Stoyanovich displayed his awesome striking power with eight goals against Whitley Warriors on Sunday to send Flyers to the top of the Heineken Premier League. Flyers took some time to settle in the match but sound defence kept Warriors at bay, and two goals by Stoyanovich late in the first period set the pattern for the rest of the evening. The home side simply had no answer to the Canadian, and Flyers took the second period 5-1. Although the final period was much closer, Flyers coming out on top 3-2, there was never any doubt about the final result. Danny Brown took Flyers' total into double figures, with Towns (2) and Gould replying for Whitley.

HEINEKEN PREMIER LEAGUE							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Fife	6	5	1	0	53	28	10
Murrayfield.....	4	4	0	0	43	21	8
Cleveland	6	3	2	1	50	34	7
Streatham	3	3	0	0	23	10	6
Durham	3	2	1	0	21	21	4
Dundee	5	1	3	1	29	35	3
Nottingham	5	1	4	0	19	33	2
Whitley Bay	6	1	5	0	32	58	2
Ayr	5	1	4	0	35	63	2
Southampton	1	0	1	0	3	5	0



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



The **Fife Ducks** Learn to Play squad welcomed their counterparts from Dundee for the cross-ice section of a 'barrier game' on Saturday. The players were keen to put into practice the skills they had been working on and took to the ice on each shift with enthusiasm and a will to compete. Coach Andrew Affleck was delighted with the players' listening and concentration levels. They improved each period and gained more structure to their game. The MVP awards went to Boyd Kelly for Fife and Daniel Neilson for the Stars. On the two-thirds side of the barrier, **Fife Eagles** faced Dundee Stars U10. Although the score line heavily favoured the Eagles, both teams forced some outstanding saves from the respective netminders. The Eagles' top line showed tremendous poise and patience. They listened to the coaches' instructions, picking out killer passes in the attacking zone and breaking out of their own end. Stars created several good chances, but the Eagles stood firm at the back. Netminder Stanley Hudson was the Eagles' MVP, while Dominic Gilmartin picked up the prize for the Stars. KHC would like to thank Dundee's players and parents for travelling down early in the morning for this productive development event.

Kirkcaldy Kestrels produced their best performance of the season on Saturday, defeating Aberdeen Lynx 3-2 at Fife Ice Arena. The reigning Scottish National League (SNL) champions had dropped just one point this season and were the favourites to record another victory. However, the Kestrels refused to be denied and bagged an important win that moved them back up to third place in the SNL standings. Josh Saunders opened the scoring for the home side late in the first period, but Lynx battled back to take a 2-1 lead by the 29-minute mark. Chris Wands levelled the scores in the 33rd minute, setting up what proved to be a thrilling final period. Scott Jamieson made it 3-2 to the Kestrels in the 47th minute, and the team worked manfully to protect their lead from that point. Netminder Andy Little made several fine saves to ensure Steven Wishart's side got over the line. The Kestrels switch their attention to the Scottish Cup on Saturday when they visit North Ayrshire Wild in the first leg of their quarter-final tie.



TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	8	14	7	0	1	0	29	13	0.88	≡
Coventry Blaze	6	10	5	0	1	0	28	15	0.83	≡
Belfast Giants	7	9	4	0	2	1	25	21	0.64	↑
Sheffield Steelers	5	8	3	1	1	0	23	12	0.8	↓
Manchester Storm	7	6	3	0	4	0	27	31	0.43	↓
Dundee Stars	7	6	2	1	4	0	20	30	0.43	↑
Guildford Flames	5	5	2	0	2	1	18	16	0.5	↓
Nottingham Panthers	5	4	2	0	3	0	14	11	0.4	↓
Fife Flyers	7	2	1	0	6	0	17	34	0.14	≡
Glasgow Clan	7	2	1	0	6	0	12	30	0.14	≡

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CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Belfast Giants	7	12	4	2	1	0	34	16	0.86	≡
Glasgow Clan	8	11	5	0	2	1	32	25	0.69	≡
Dundee Stars	10	9	3	1	5	1	37	38	0.45	≡
Fife Flyers	9	5	2	0	6	1	19	43	0.28	≡

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
CC43	Wed	30-Oct-2024	Belfast Giants	Glasgow Clan	19:00
CC44	Wed	30-Oct-2024	Cardiff Devils	Coventry Blaze	19:30
33	Wed	30-Oct-2024	Guildford Flames	Nottingham Panthers	19:30
34	Wed	30-Oct-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Fife Flyers	19:30
35	Fri	1-Nov-2024	Manchester Storm	Guildford Flames	19:30
36	Sat	2-Nov-2024	Guildford Flames	Glasgow Clan	18:00
CC45	Sat	2-Nov-2024	Belfast Giants	Fife Flyers	19:00
37	Sat	2-Nov-2024	Dundee Stars	Coventry Blaze	19:00
38	Sat	2-Nov-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Cardiff Devils	19:00
CC46	Sat	2-Nov-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Manchester Storm	19:00
CC47	Sun	3-Nov-2024	Belfast Giants	Dundee Stars	16:00
39	Sun	3-Nov-2024	Fife Flyers	Nottingham Panthers	17:15
40	Sun	3-Nov-2024	Coventry Blaze	Glasgow Clan	17:30
CC48	Sun	3-Nov-2024	Cardiff Devils	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	Lost	0-7
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15	Lost	4-7
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	0-3
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-7
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 14th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 15th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 21st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Dec 22nd	Belfast Giants	League	A	16:00		
Thursday Dec 26th	Dundee Stars	League	H	18:30		

FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

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



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