



THE FLYER



VS



SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS





There were a lot of positive to take out of the last three games. I feel that over those games we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. We went in to play the defending Champions on their ice and it was 2-2 going into the final period, last weekend we were again tied at two in Belfast and then came home to meet Nottingham where it was anyone's game after two. Three very good hockey clubs and we showed that we could compete. We've found a kinda different way to play, a different structure that's helped us and we've kept it close. We had a great chance to win the game last Sunday and with a depleted squad with players switching positions we got a point in league play but we had nothing to hang our head about as we battled all night after coming home in the early hours and we found something that we needed to find. We scored on our power play in consecutive games which was good for us as that has been an aspect that we have recently struggled with.

We got big performances from every one, James Spence really stepped up over the two games and got his first ever goal for the club. We got production from different guys in what was a whole team effort. Brodie Kay continues to grow every night and you can see the confidence in him develop with his ice time. It's something positive for the town and the club that we have a couple of home grown guys that made such an impact. Moving forward we will stay with the systems of late and teams can expect us to be a more defensive first club where we will play on the counter attack and make it harder for teams to come at us through the neutral zone. I certainly left the rink last weekend with my head up as I like to think that better times are on the way. We are still battling injuries and won't have our full compliment again this weekend although we are getting close to being able to add to our roster and it's been a daily activity for me over the last few weeks. This weekend we go in search of vital league points against two rivals and we will be giving it our all as usual.

Away we go.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Wednesday 30th October 2024			5		2 Elite League	
						
			Period Scores 1-1, 1-1, 3-0			
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓
	Sewell	Refs	Good		Smith	Staniforth

The Flyers made the midweek trip to last season's Grand Slam winning Sheffield Steelers looking to end a number of unwanted winless records. The visitors were without the injured Austin Farley with Yanis Voris, James Spence and Fynn Page also scratched. Added to their line up was 19 year old Aiden Wilson who had recently been signed on a two way from the Romford Raiders. The Steelers scratches were Joel Janatuinen along with two way players Ivan Bjorkly Nordstrom, Nathan Ripley and Sam Cooper.

The Flyers made a positive start to the game and had an extended period of time in the Steelers zone with Olivier LeBlanc forcing the first save of the game from Matt Greenfield. Brandon Whistle had the Steelers first effort on goal in the 2nd minute but Shane Owen was square to his shot. The visitors stunned their hosts in the 4th minute when Phélix Martineau dogged Dominic Cormier all the way down the ice to steal the puck from him and from the right circle he picked the far corner on Greenfield. In the 6th minute Greenfield was once again in action when he stopped a tip on the edge of his crease from Martineau. From the face of Madi Dikhanbek got another shot in on the Steelers goal. In the 8th minute the Flyers were caught on a quick transition and as Marc-Olivier Vallerand skated through on Owen he was slashed and the referee awarded a penalty shot. Vallerand skated in on Owen and drew the puck around the keeper to find the right hand side of the net. Moments later Tyler Heidt did well to get a stick on the puck at the edge of his crease to break up a 2 on 1 with a Steeler lurking at the back door. Daniel Leavens tested Owen when he batted the puck out of midair from the slot in the 9th minute. Cole Shudra was positioned at the top of Owen's crease in the 11th minute but his tip was well dealt with by the Fife keeper. The Steelers went on the first power play of the night when Noah Delmas was called for a trip on Mitchell Balmas. The Flyers came up with a solid kill with Owen facing just a couple of comfortable shots as the visitors broke up the Steelers cycle a number of times. In the 17th minute Owen stuck away a blast from the point and going the other way Martin Látal set up a chance for Drake Pilon whose shot from the high slot was blocked into the netting by Greenfield. Owen had to be alert in the 18th minute as he shut down a sneaky effort from Daniel Ciampini who tried to stuff the puck home on the short side.

PERIOD 2

The Steelers had the opening shot of the second period when Cormier drove one on net following a stretch pass which Owen was alert to. Just as they did in the first period the Flyers were quick to get on the board again when a nice rush up ice involving Michael Cichy, Lucas Chiodo and Martineau ended with a pass over from Chiodo to Martineau who stuffed the puck in at the post off the skates of Greenfield. In the 24th minute Látal drove the Steelers zone and cut into the middle of the ice where he fired a shot into the glove of Greenfield. A minute later and a Balmas pass to Colton Saucerman was tipped just wide. Daniel Krenželok had a shot in the 27th minute from the blueline that was saved by Greenfield but moments later the Steelers got back on terms when a saucer pass from Patrick Watling opened up the Flyers defence and Mikko Juusola came down the left boards

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before going five hole on Owen. In the 30th minute there was a delay as Patrick Kyte took a puck to the face and left the game to get repairs as the ice was then cleaned up. The Steelers were back on the power play in the 31st minute when the Flyers were called for delay of game as Chiodo shot the puck over the glass into the Steelers bench. Owen made a sprawling save on Whistle who came in at the back post and then he held a Vallerand one timer as the Fife penalty killers once again did a good job. In the 35th minute Juusola had a half chance but Owen covered up. The Flyers were out of luck in the 36th minute as Cichy dragged the puck into the Steelers zone and his quick snapshot beat Greenfield but rang the post and from the follow up play Martineau was robbed as he had an empty net but somehow Greenfield got his stick on the puck to deflect it over. In the final minute Sacha Guimond was up on the rush and forced a blocker save from Owen.

PERIOD 3

Kyte returned to the Flyers bench to start the third period wearing the #18 jersey. Pilon had the first shot of the period after 30 seconds that Greenfield saved comfortably. It was the Steelers though who struck quickly with the go ahead goal inside the opening minute. The puck was misplayed and broke nicely into the path of Cormier who buried it stick side on Owen. Watling was next to threaten in the 42nd minute when he stole into the Flyers zone but he couldn't beat Owen one on one. In the 46th minute Ciampini couldn't finish on a 2 on 1 break and the Flyers went the other way with the trademark speed of Látal creating an opportunity but he was denied by Greenfield. From the face off there was nearly a great set up play between Cichy, Chiodo and Martineau but a Steelers stick got a piece of the puck with Greenfield out of position. In the 48th minute Watling tipped a shot wide and the Flyers were back on the penalty kill as Heidt was called for tripping. Saucerman tested Owen who saw the puck through a crowd to hold on and it was another sterling effort from the penalty killers as they prevented the Steelers from creating any quality scoring chances as the visitors returned to full strength. A killer fourth goal for the Steelers came in the 52nd minute when a bad pinch at the Steelers blueline by a defenceman allowed the Steelers an odd man rush and it looked as though Watling would score with the net gaping but Owen made a miraculous save only for the rebound to fall for Finlay Ulrick who hit the wide open net. In the 54th minute Greenfield had to be sharp to make a good pad save before the Flyers only power play of the night when Vallerand got the gate for a trip on Kyte. The Flyers got nothing set up in the Steelers zone and on two occasions almost gave up a short handed goal on breakaways. Firstly Mark Simpson went in all alone on Owen who denied him then a turnover at the Steelers blue line by the Flyers saw Whistle skate in uncontested and he tried to go five hole but Owen shut the pads to deny him. Owen was again in action in the 56th minute when he stopped a close in tip by Leavens. With 80 seconds to go Fife called their timeout and Owen was pulled for the extra skater. A shot on the Steelers net went wide and the puck broke out of the zone where Watling made no mistake in finding the empty net from the neutral zone to ice the win.

Steelers Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Vallerand			1	Martineau			For	
39	Juusola	Watling	Saucerman	2	Martineau	Chiodo	Cichy	18	
Shots	Cormier	Vallerand	Whistle	3				Shots	
Against	Ulrick	Watling	Diffley	4				Against	
18	Watling	Whistle	Juusola	5				39	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
2				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Cormier				10				Martineau	

STEELERS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



DEAN WOOLEY





GETTING TO KNOW #88

Daniel Krenželok

Date of Birth – July 29th 1997

Blace of Birth – Orlová, Czech Republic

Position – Defence

Shoots – Left

Height – 191cm/6'3"

Weight – 94 kg/207 lbs

Professional Hockey Career

2016-20 – HC Vitkovice (Czechia)

*2020-21 – HC Dukla Jihlava, HC Přerov
(Czechia 2)*

*2021-22 - HC Oceláři Třinec (Czechia),
HC Frýdek-Místek, HC Přerov (Czechia
2)*

*2022-23 - HC Vitkovice (Czechia), HC
Poruba 2011 (Czechia 2)*

2023-24 – Cracovia Krakow (Poland)



#88 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

Soccer

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

My family and every coach gave me something

Who is the best player you have played with?

David Pastrnak, Tomas Plekanec

Who is the best player you have played against?

Auston Matthews, Jaromir Jagr, Rasmus Dahlin

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

World Championship U20 quarterfinal against Canada at Bell Centre

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

Don't have any

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

If team on penalty kill score a goal team on powerplay lose their powerplay and don't play 5v4 anymore

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

Don't have favourite/least favourite team

Most admired hockey player and why?

Erik Karlsson and Viktor Hedman because of the style of hockey and how they play the game

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

Work hard - don't be outworked and enjoy every moment because you don't know when it'll be your last game

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

Strongest my vision passing and shot and I would like to improve my skating

Pre-game routine?

Don't have anything special

Pre-game meal?

Chicken and rice

Any gameday superstitions?

None

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Football and Tennis

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

Football and Tennis

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Cristiano Ronaldo, Michael Jordan, Roger Federer

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Borussia Dortmund, Real Madrid

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

Friends, Simpsons, How I Met Your Mother

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

Burgers

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Coca Cola, Beer

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

Cristiano Ronaldo, Roger Federer, Michael Jordan, Adam Sandler

Favourite singer/music/band?

Eminem, Post Malone, Linkin Park, Till I Collapse

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Greece

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite Geography - least favourite Chemistry

What is your go to Karaoke song?

Lady Gaga - Shallow

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

Coldplay and I would like to sing

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Krenzi, Danny

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

Fly, be invisible, read minds

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

Knife, Dog, Water





How many languages do you speak?

English, Slovak, Polish

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

I would like to be general or sports manager of soccer or hockey team, or be conditioning coach

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 2nd November 2024				5		3	Challenge Cup	
Line ups	Period Scores 0-2, 2-0, 3-1							
	Janis Voris	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	✓				
Dalton		Refs	Lukosevicius		Dolan	Lines men	Nelson	

The Flyers travelled to Belfast for the first time this season with just an outside chance of Challenge Cup qualification. The Giants with a win would all but confirm top spot in the group and a seeded place in the semifinals with the Flyers then being officially eliminated. The Flyers were hit by further injury woes as they were without Austin Farley, Maxim Musorov and Drake Pilon along with long term absentee Johnny Curran. Janis Voris was given his second start in net. The Giants had similar injury issues and were missing Joe Cassetti, Bobo Carpenter, Mike Lee and two players Mason Alderson, Mack Stewart and Rhodes Mitchell-King.

The Giants were quickly out of the traps and they generated the first chance of the game when Voris made a save from Ben Lake just shy of 30 seconds into the game. Voris was again in action when he had to deal with an Elijah Barriga shot from the circles and then he had to deny Scott Conway who was in a downlow position. The Flyers keeper made another save in the 3rd minute when he turned away a huge blast from the right wing by Pierre-Olivier Morin. It was nonstop pressure from the Giant who had played the entire time in the Flyers zone from the opening face of until Voris was able to hold the puck and get a whistle with 3:30 on the clock. In the 5th minute the Flyers first foray into the Giants zone saw Patrick Kyte go to the net and collide with Jackson Whistle who looked a little shaken up afterwards. The Flyers stunned the home crowd in the 7th minute when Lucas Chiodo and Michael Cichy combined with the latter feeding the puck out front from behind the net and Phélix Martineau showed great hands to deke around Whistle and find the net. In the 9th minute Olivier LeBlanc made a great shot block and the puck was fed to Ryan Foss on a stretch pass but his shot was snagged by Whistle who was at the top of his crease. A shot from Noah Delmas in the 10th minute handcuffed Whistle who fought off the puck as the visitors grew into the game. Moments later however the Giants missed a great chance when Ciaran Long fired the puck wide from a good position in front of the net. In the 11th minute Conway fanned on his attempted shot at the top of the crease and the puck fluttered wide of goal. JJ Piccinich then found the side netting from a dangerous position. The Flyers doubled their lead in the 13th minute when Tyler Heidt took the puck into the high slot and let a shot go, Whistle got a piece of it but it bounced behind him and hit James Spence before rolling into the net for his first ever Flyers goal. The Flyers almost had another a minute later but Whistle came up with a solid stop on Martineau who then fired the puck wide of target from a bad angle. Martineau threatened again in the 16th minute in a swift counter attack but Whistle gloved his shot. Conway then went end to end with the puck and almost got a shot on goal but Voris poked the puck away from him at the last moment. **PERIOD 2** The Giants were on the offensive to start the second period and in the 23rd minute a shot block by Spence hobbled him before Voris was square to a one time shot by Mark Cooper that was turned away into the corner. The Flyers first chance of the period came in the 27th minute when Martineau picked up the puck following a turnover and he skated out from behind the net and on the turn fired in a shot but Whistle made sure he had all the angles taken away. A minute later and the Flyers once again threatened the Giants net when Madi Dikhanbek and Nikolai Shulga worked the puck up the ice and the shot on Whistle was tipped close in by Spence but stayed out. Voris flashed a right pad to deny Grant Mismash and in the 31st minute another shot from Martineau saw Whistle again alert to make the stop.

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The Giants halved the deficit when the Flyers were caught on an odd man rush for the first time in the game as they skated down ice 4 on 2 and Conway feathered the puck through to Piccinich who found the net with a low hard shot from the side of the goal. In the 36th minute the Giants threatened again when Conway cut in from the blueline and his wrister was labelled for the top corner before Voris gloved it. Moments later the puck was bouncing around in the Flyers paint with Barriga swatting at it but the visitors scrambled it clear. The Flyers went the other way in the 38th minute when Dikhanbek dropped the puck for Heidt and he skated in on Whistle who made a huge save. The Giants next attack was halted when Martin Látal was called for a hook as the home side went on the first power play of the night with just under two minutes to play. The Giants controlled the puck in the Flyers zone the entire time with Voris making a beauty of a post to post save to deny Conway on a one timer with 30 seconds of the period remaining. Voris however could do nothing moments later when Gabe Bast found the top corner past the unsighted Fife goalie with just 11 ticks left on the clock. **PERIOD 3** The Giants struck quickly in the third period when Conway with speed went down the left hand boards and with Mark Cooper wide opened he made the pass for the Giants captain to bury the puck past a helpless Voris. The Flyers first effort on goal in the period came in the 45th minute when Cichy saw his one timer stuck away by Whistle. The Giants missed a glorious chance a minute later when Jordan Kawaguchi was all alone in front of Voris but he fluttered the puck wide of the net. In the 49th minute Heidt had a one timer flash just past the post but the Giants went down the ice and Bo Hanson took the puck to the net which Voris covered up but Kyte was called for a hook on the play. It took 13 seconds of the man advantage for the Giants to double their lead when Conway from the right hand circles beat Voris with a hard one time shot. From the restart the Flyers had a lucky escape as Morin pinged the post. In the 54th minute the Giants added a fifth but only after two reviews of the play. The initial shot was saved by Voris and as the puck spun up in the air he tried to swat it as players from both sides tried to get a touch. Barriga took a swing and got something on the puck as it drifted towards the goal and Voris sprawled across his line to try to stop it. The refs called goal on the ice without there being a clear view of where the puck was. The referees took a long time to review and they upheld their call. Tom Coolen used his Coaches Challenge to start another lengthy review but the outcome was the same and the Flyers were assessed a minor penalty for the failed challenge. 30 seconds into the Giants power play Lake ran through the numbers of Martineau along the boards and was given a major penalty. Voris left his crease during a melee behind the goal and was assessed a minor penalty. Skating 4 on 3 the Giants forced a fine pad save from Voris following a Bast shot. Eventually the Flyers went on the power play with three minutes of the major remaining. Heidt had a shot from up top that went wide and then LeBlanc saw his shot go in and out of Whistle's glove. The Flyers recycled the puck and a fantastic reverse pass from behind the net by Foss found Martineau for his second of the night with 90 seconds remaining. From the restart the Flyers pulled Voris to skate 6 on 4 but they couldn't fashion another quality chance with Kyte getting the gate for a slash with 19 seconds remaining.

Giants Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Piccinich	Conway	Whistle	1	Martineau	Cichy	Chiodo	For	
44	Bast	Morin	Kawaguchi	2	Spence	Heidt	Shulga	21	
Shots	Cooper	Conway	Osterberg	3	Martineau	Foss	LeBlanc	Shots	
Against	Conway	Barriga	Roach	4				Against	
21	Barriga	Conway	Baum	5				44	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
25				7				10	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Barriga				10				Spence	





GIANTS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



BELFAST GIANTS



MATCH REPORT

Sunday 3rd November 2024				3		4	Elite League	
Period Scores 0-0,2-2,1-1,0-0,0-1								
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Martin Látal	✓
	Janis Voris	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✗
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗	Nikolai Shulga	✓
Subs			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✗	James Spence	✓
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
Rodger			Refs	Halas		Rodger	Lines men	Ward

The Flyers hosted the Nottingham Panthers for their first visit to the Auld Barn this season and were looking to avoid taking their winless streak into double figures. Shane Owen was recalled to start in net and Maxim Musorov also returned to the bench with Austin Farley, Drake Pilon and Fynn Page the scratches. The Panthers scratched Cooper Zech and gave the start in net to Ryan Bednard. In a lively opening to the game the Panthers were first to threaten when they broke 2 on 1 into the Flyers zone and Matt Spencer elected to take the shot which was labelled for the top corner before Owen snagged it with his glove. Bednard was in action a minute later when he made a save from a Daniel Krenželok shot. Although play raged from end to end both teams were taking care of their defensive duties and neither goalie was called into serious action. In the 7th minute Oliver Betteridge got a clear sight of goal and his shot pinged off the outside of Owen's right hand post. Owen was again in action in the 10th minute when he did well to hold to the puck following a tip down low from Sam Herr. The Flyers responded immediately when Martin Látal sped down the right hand boards and cut in to go back hand on Bednard who made the save. The first penalty of the night was called on Tyler Heidt for a hook on Adam Berg in the 16th minute. Owen made a big post to post save on a blast from Reid Stefanson and Phélix Martineau sold out to make a brave shot block as the Flyers successfully killed the penalty. Jordan Kelsall was denied by Owen in the 19th minute and in the last seconds of the period Bednard made saves on Ryan Foss and Patrick Kyte to keep the scoreboard blank.

PERIOD 2

The Panthers were quickly on the attack to start the second period and Owen had to make saves on Herr and Logan Neilson in the opening minute. However it was the home side that broke the deadlock in the 23rd minute after a great piece of puck possession by Madi Dikhanbek who then fed the puck cross ice for Musorov to fire a one timer past Bednard. The lead however was relatively short lived as the Panthers were back on terms 90 seconds later when Hugo Roy batted a puck out of the air and into the net after Owen had made the initial save on a Davis Bunz shot. In the 26th minute strong skating by Kyte saw him split the Panthers defence and as he went in on Bednard he just couldn't get enough on his back hand shot to trouble the Panthers keeper. Látal used his speed again when he drove the net and he was tripped by Spencer to put Flyers on their first power play. The Flyers struggled to get anything cleanly set up and just as the penalty was expiring Látal burst into the Panthers zone and fired a shot that knocked Bednards mask off as the Panthers completed the kill. The teams were still trading rushes and Bednard had to look sharp to stop Kyte who worked his way towards goal before the Panthers went the other way and Didrik Henbrant crashed into the net after Owen had made a strong stop on him. The Panthers took the lead in the 32nd minute when a shot pass by Tim Doherty off the pads of Owen was swept home from close range by Otto Nieminen. Flyers responded with Bednard making a toe save and the Panthers keeper made his best save so far in the game in the 34th minute when he stoned Musorov on a one timer after great interplay between Ryan Foss and Látal.

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Owen made a fantastic shoulder save in the 37th minute to deny Doherty from close range and the Flyers soon went back on the power play as Stefanson was called for boarding on Tyler Heidt. With the penalty in its late stages the Flyers finally managed to work the puck around the box and when the puck found Nikolai Shulga in the bumper position in the slot he went top shelf with his shot to tie the game up once again.

PERIOD 3

The first action of the third period saw Látal again burst through the Panthers rearguard and he sent his shot just wide of target. Within a few seconds the game swung in the Flyers favour as Owen made two outstanding saves in quick succession before Michael Cichy found Lucas Chiodo with a stretch pass up the gut and he sped into the Panthers zone before he deked around Bednard to plant the puck into the net. Once more however the Panthers responded in quick fire time and they were level again in 90 seconds with a greasy goal when a cross crease pass deflected off the skate of Neilson on the edge of the crease and into the net. In the 50th minute Látal created an opportunity on the rush when he found Musorov but his shot from the high slot was off target with plenty of net on show. Owen stopped Betteridge in the 53rd minute and Chiodo tried to break the other way but at the end of a shift could only fire over the net. The Flyers had an odd man rush a minute later but Bednard made a strong save on Látal. Owen was then square to the shooter in the 55th minute as he held on to a Roy shot from the circles. The Flyers survived an almighty scramble around their net in the 57th minute as a mass of humanity converged on Owen and in the 58th minute Heidt went close with a shot. The Flyers called their time out in the final minute but neither team could find a regulation winner.

OVERTIME

Into overtime and Owen made the first save as the Panthers started with possession of the puck. The visitors had a chance to end it when Herr skated in all alone on Owen who made a beauty of a right pad kick save before Foss went the other way and Bednard made a comfortable save. With 80 seconds remaining it was the Panthers keeper's turn to keep the game alive as he made two saves in quick succession and right on the buzzer the save of the night as Owen stoned Nieminen not once but twice with save of the week candidates.

SHOOTOUT

A penalty shootout would determine the extra point. In the opening three rounds Chiodo missed with Bednard making saves on Cichy and Martineau whilst the Panthers had Kelsall and Kontos miss with Owen saving from Neilson. Musorov then had his effort saved by Bednard before Roy buried one glove side on Owen. Krenželok had to score but his shot glanced the cross bar for the Panthers to take the win.

Flyers Stats					Panthers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Musorov	Dikhanbek	Foss	1	Roy	Bunz	Kontos	For	
25	Shulga	Kyte	Krenželok	2	Nieminen	Doherty	Stefanson	40	
Shots	Chiodo	Cichy	Owen	3	Neilson	Kontos	Wichers	Shots	
Against				4	Roy			Against	
40				5				25	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
4				7				4	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Owen				10				Bednard	

PANTHERS 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	17	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	712	0.90	4.33	0	0	1026	74
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yanis Voris	G	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	81	0.86	5.59	0	0	118	11
Cameron Kenny	G	12	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	19	0	4	4			0			0		4	4	6	18
Madi Dikhanbek	D	17	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	10	30
Tyler Heidt	D	18	1	5	6		2	2			0	1	3	4	20	34
Brodie Kay	D	17	0	0	0			0			0			0		10
Daniel Krenželok	D	18	3	3	6	1	3	4			0	2		2	34	75
Patrick Kyte	D	16	0	3	3		1	1			0		2	2	25	18
Olivier LeBlanc	D	13	0	4	4		1	1			0		3	3	8	11
Fynn Page	D	9	0	0	0			0			0			0		
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	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Lucas Chiodo	F	19	7	14	21	3	2	5			0	4	12	16	4	58
Michael Cichy	F	19	8	7	15	2		2			0	6	7	13	4	40
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	1		18
Martin Látal	F	11	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	4	33
Phélix Martineau	F	19	11	7	18	2	3	5			0	9	4	13	10	73
Maxim Musorov	F	18	4	4	8		1	1			0	4	3	7	4	42
Drake Pilon	F	17	1	4	5		1	1			0	1	3	4	41	35
Nikolai Shulga	F	15	2	4	6	1	1	2			0	1	3	4	2	19
James Spence	F	8	1	0	1			0			0	1		1		6
Ryan Foss	F	7	1	3	4		2	2			0	1	1	2	4	11
Aiden Wilson	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0		
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Totals			44	78	120	10	20	30	0	0	0	34	56	90	196	582
			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		4

WEEK 9 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Wednesday night.....

Sheffield Steelers 5 Fife Flyers 2 - Elite League

The Steelers extended their home winning streak against the Flyers to 17 consecutive matches. They have also now won their last 16 games against all EIHL opponents at the Utilita arena which is their 3rd longest home winning streak in their history and their best in their EIHL era.

The Flyers 18 shots on goal is a season low for a game.

It was the first time in 9 games that the Flyers have held a lead in a game and the second time this season that they have scored the first goal.

Congratulations to Aiden Wilson for his debut, he is the 17th player this season to take a bow for the Flyers.

The Flyers remained winless on the road this season after 8 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 avoided equalling a record of being shutout in three consecutive road games that was set last season.

Sheffield have now scored both of this seasons Penalty Shot goals.

On Saturday night.....

Belfast Giants 5 Fife Flyers 3 - Challenge Cup

Phélix Martineau stretched his goals streak to 3 which equals Lucas Chiodo as highest on season. He is also the first player to have consecutive multi goal games which was also his third of the season.

The two power play goals given up equals a season high for the Flyers.

Congratulations to James Spence who scored his first goal for the Flyers

The last British player to score for Flyers was Reece Cochrane on December 2nd 2022.

It was the first time the Flyers have both won the first period and held a first period lead on the road this season.

It was also the longest time in the last 14 games that the Flyers had held a lead in a game.

Drake Pilon and Maxim Musorov were ever presents so far this season and missed their first games – leaving only four players to have played all games, Michael Cichy, Lucas Chiodo, Phélix Martineau and Noah Delmas.

Giants were won 33 face offs to Flyers 10 - a minus 23 for Flyers which is their worst this season.

WEEK 9 - FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Sunday night.....

Fife Flyers 3 Nottingham Panthers 4 (Shootout) - Elite League

Congratulations to Michael Cichy for recording the first hattrick for the Flyers this season and the 37th all time in all EIHL competitions.
It was Flyers 20th home hattrick and the 2nd against Guildford in all EIHL competitions.
Phélix Martineau played a new team high 28:25 time on ice.

Daniel Krenželok had 11 shots on goal which was a new team high for the season.
The EIHL introduced individual shot totals in season 2019/20 and Daniel tied Zach Phillips with the Flyers highest in a single game recorded against Dundee Stars in December 2022.

It was the third short-handed goal conceded by the Flyers this season - 105th all time in all EIHL competitions.
The Guildford Flames have 6 shorties against the Flyers who have 1 against the Flames.

Janis Voris made his debut becoming the 16th new player to ice for the Flyers so far this season.

11 goals in the game ties the aggregate highest number in a game between the teams in the EIHL with the Flyers having won 6-5 at the Spectrum in October 2018.

The loss is the Flyers 5th consecutive which ties a season high.

The last time the Flyers outshot teams in back to back games was November 2023 when they did so in four straight games.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Stripecy'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	25 Andrew Dalton	1	48 Oliver Truswell				
14 Chris Wells	42 Hollie Neenan		49 Daniel Ferguson	6			
16 Alan Craig	43 Graham Rodger	3	52 Stephen Matthews	1			





WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 10



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The teams met a fortnight ago in Glasgow with Challenge Cup points at stake. Since that meeting the Clan then travelled to Belfast the following midweek and were shutout 3-0 by the Giants who took a decisive step towards securing top spot in the qualification group. Last weekend the Clan were on their travels with a road double header. On Saturday they visited the Guildford Flames and in a tight first couple of periods they lead 2-1 going into the third period. The Flames however came roaring back to hit the Clan with 4 goals and take a 5-3 win. On the Sunday night in Coventry it was an equally evenly contested match for the first 40 minutes with the teams tied at one a piece going into the final 20 minutes. An early power play goal and a late empty netter for the home side left the Clan empty handed for the weekends efforts. This will be the Clan's 10th league game of the season with only three so far being played on home ice. The Clan have a Challenge Cup clash with the Dundee Stars at Braehead the night before heading to Fife in what is all but a dead rubber game with the Clan already confirmed as the team heading into the play off game from Group B.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM CLAN

Saturday 2nd March 2024				6				7				Elite League			
Flyers Stats								Clan Stats							
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Shots Against		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Shots Against		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Pulkkinen	J Eriksson	Giles	31			Goal 1	Cownie	Craighead	Desrocher	31		Goal 1	Cownie	Craighead	Desrocher
Lajeunesse	Pavlovs	Osterberg	31	PiMS		Goal 2	Pelech	Sanche	Haden	31		Goal 2	Pelech	Sanche	Haden
Pavlovs	Lajeunesse	Osterberg				Goal 3	Sanche	Haden	Pelech			Goal 3	Sanche	Haden	Pelech
Pulkkinen	Shirley	Giles	6	Goalie		Goal 4	Pelech	Kallen	Craighead	PiMS		Goal 4	Pelech	Kallen	Craighead
Chiodo	J Eriksson	Makela				Goal 5	Combs	Sanche	Barry			Goal 5	Combs	Sanche	Barry
Shirley	Giles	Chiodo		Owen		Goal 6	Pelech	Sanche	Haden	Goalie		Goal 6	Pelech	Sanche	Haden
						Goal 7	Sanche	Desrocher	Combs			Goal 7	Sanche	Desrocher	Combs
						Goal 8						Goal 8			
						Goal 9						Goal 9			
						Goal 10						Goal 10			

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST CLAN

P 41 W 20 L 21 F 139 A 136

Number Crunching

Glasgow Clan lead the meetings between the two teams so far this season having won two of the three Challenge Cup games.

Last season in league play the Flyers had the upper hand with 3 wins and only 1 regulation defeat in the six meetings. This return was the best in a season against the Clan for Flyers across all EIHL seasons.

Cole Uilly is the top scorer in games between the teams this season with 5 goals, Phélix Martineau, Lucas Chiodo and Michael Cichy both have two goals against the Clan.

It is the meeting of the two lowest scoring teams with the Clan having an average of 2.67 goals per game so far this season in all EIHL competitions – Flyers average is 2.26 goals per game.

The Clan goals against average of 3.93 per game in all EIHL competitions is third most amongst all teams - Flyers 4.79 is most.

Clan at 35.89 shots per game are second most – Flyers have 30.63 per game which is 9th amongst teams.

Clan have conceded most of their goals (36 – 55%) in the third period which is most across all teams. Flyers have conceded second most (31 – 30%) in the final period.

Clan have given up 7 empty net goals which is most with the Flyers second with 4. The Flyers remain the only team yet to score an empty net goal.



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 10



Recent Form Guide

Two weeks ago the Stars travelled to Kirkcaldy and left with a lopsided result in Challenge Cup action. Since then the Stars visited the Belfast Giants last weekend and just as the Flyers had faced 24 hours earlier they needed a win to keep their slim Challenge Cup qualification chances alive. The Giants scored the only goal of the game in the third period to confirm their group win and also second place for the Glasgow Clan. The previous night the Stars were in league action when they hosted the Coventry Blaze. The home side were well in control of the game leading by a pair going into the third period before the Blaze hit back and took a 3-2 lead. Stars levelled late to then take both points in overtime with a shorthanded goal. This past midweek the Stars hosted the Cardiff Devils in league play before heading to Braehead Arena on Friday night to conclude their Challenge Cup games against the Glasgow Clan.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO STARS

Saturday 6th April 2024					2	6		Elite League	
Stars Stats					Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
Valentini	Naas		62		Goal 1	Wehrs	Pilon	Osterberg	36
Elmer	Johnson	Dow	Shots Against		Goal 2	Osterberg			Shots Against
			36		Goal 3	Osterberg	Shirley	Makela	62
			PiMS		Goal 4	Pulkkinen	Humitz	Shirley	PiMS
			36		Goal 5	Shirley	Lajeunesse		24
					Goal 6	Osterberg	Lajeunesse		
			Goalie		Goal 7				Goalie
			Brine		Goal 8				Owen
					Goal 9				
					Goal 10				

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST STARS

P 42 W 19 L 23 F 141 A 156

Number Crunching

So far this season the Stars lead the games between the two sides with a 2-1-1 record.

Last season in their six meetings with the Stars in league play the Flyers picked up 3 points from 12. It was their lowest return against the Stars across all their EIHL seasons.

In their last dozen meetings with the Flyers in all EIHL competitions the Stars have won 8 times. Zach Tsekos, Brett Gravelle, and Domenic Alberga lead the scoring against the Flyers this season each with three goals. Phélix Martineau and Austin Farley are Flyers top marksman each with a pair.

Including shootout goals the next Flyers goal on the road will be their 1000th across all EIHL competitions.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 9



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

Wednesday 30th October

Belfast Giants 3 Glasgow Clan 0 Challenge Cup

(0-0, 1-0, 2-0) SOG 28-32 PIMs 8-31 Att 6795

Tom McCollum stopped 32 shots as Belfast Giants moved a step closer to booking their place in the Challenge Cup Semi-Finals with a shutout home win over Glasgow Clan in front of 6,795 fans on Wednesday night at the SSE Arena. "I thought the whole team was great tonight. We did a great job putting a lot of pressure at their end," said McCollum after his shutout win. "Full credit to their goalie, he played very well and it was a very hard fought game both ways. Fortunately we were able to find a way to get the power play goal at the end of the second and really hold onto it the rest of the game." There was little to report on in the first period. The Giants dominated the opening stages, however Lucas Brine in the Clan net kept them out after being forced into a number of saves in the opening 20 minutes. Belfast began the next period on powerplay, however, it was the Clan who started the strongest in the second. Joe Hazeldine, and Darrien Kielb all forced saves from McCollum, as the Giants were put under early pressure. Neither side was able to create many chances until the Giants eventually took the lead at 39:40 with a goal powerplay through Pierre-Olivier Morin. The puck fell to Grant Mismash, who struck a shot that was well saved by Lucas Brine but he couldn't do anything to stop Morin from putting the Giants ahead to finally open the scoring. Clan had three successive powerplays to level the game across the opening 12 minutes of the final period but could find a way past McCollum. Brine was pulled with 2:12 to play but the visitors' gamble didn't pay off - JJ Piccinich found the empty net at 58:44 to settle things. Morin added a further empty-netter with 60 seconds remaining as the Giants took a 3-0 victory. McCollum held on to register his first EIHL shutout. "It's very nice, obviously you always enjoy it but I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates," he added. "They did a lot of hard work out there and helped me see pucks and clean up some rebounds and a lot of big blocked shots and some great plays from those guys." The win puts the Giants one step closer to the Cup Semi-Finals. "It gives us a little space for our side of the Cup and still puts us within striking distance to try and get the top overall seed which we've been talking about since the start of the year" concluded McCollum.

Guildford Flames 4 Nottingham Panthers 2 Elite League

(0-2, 2-0, 2-0) SOG 31-24 PIMs 10-6 Att 1625

Two goals from Jack Jacome helped Guildford Flames come back from 2-0 down and beat Nottingham Panthers on Wednesday night. Both teams entered the game with just two wins in their last five, and the opening phases were understandably nervy. A minor on Josh Waller led to the Panthers taking the lead at 9:38 -Tim Doherty one-timing Didrik Henbrant's pass into the back of Eamon McAdam's net. Ryan Bednard, at the other end, made an excellent pad save to deny Jack Jacome tying the game before the Panthers doubled their advantage as Henbrant raced away on the rush and beat McAdam high with 2:04 left in period one. The Flames were struggling to get a lot going but gradually found their way back into the game. Brett Ferguson fed Ryan Tait in the slot to beat Bednard in close on a 2-on-1 4:05 into period two to half the deficit, while at the other end Hugo Roy and Kristof Kontos couldn't find the same result when through on McAdam. Guildford tied the game with 49 seconds left in the period when Jacome tipped Travis Brown's shot past Bednard from the top of the crease. The hosts completed the turnaround when the Panthers gave the puck away in their own zone straight onto the stick of Ethan Strang who fed Sam Talbot in the slot, with Strang then tapping home with an empty net in front of him 3:13 into the third. Guildford could, and should, have extended their lead earlier to make the game safe, but the impressive Jacome did eventually give them some breathing space with his side's fourth 2:46 from time. With Bednard pulled, the best chance of a goal fell to Josh Waller who hit the post of the empty net, but the Flames took the two-goal win to snap their losing run.



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Cardiff Devils 3 Coventry Blaze 5 Challenge Cup

(1-2, 1-1, 1-2) SOG 40-31 PIMs 25-8 Att 3110

Coventry Blaze kept their hopes of making the next round of the Challenge Cup very much alive with an excellent 5-3 win over Cardiff Devils at a sold-out Vindico Arena. Ryan Barrow tipped a Jarrod Gourley shot past Mat Robson to put the Devils ahead at 14:01 on the powerplay, but that was the only time the Devils would lead in the game. Kim Tallberg tied the game just under two minutes later when he put home the rebound from a Jackson Cressey shot at 15:57 Nick Seitz gave the Blaze the lead with 70 seconds left in the opening period when he got on the rebound from a Brandon Alderson one-timer, and the visitors lead by one through 20 minutes. The sides traded goals in the middle period to come out at a 2-3 scoreline after 40 minutes. Alderson scored against his former team as the Blaze broke from a defensive zone faceoff at 25:48, while 2:06 before the buzzer Kohen Olischefski slotted home in front off Josh MacDonald's feed to make it a one-goal game heading into period three. The all-important next goal went the way of the Blaze 9:26 into the third. A puck bouncing off Evan Mosey's stick set the Blaze up in the Devils zone, and eventually led to Chase Gresock firing a one-timer past Bowns to put the visitors back two ahead. Zach O'Brien made things interesting with 5:04 to play, but Tallberg fired into the empty net from his own zone to settle the game in the visitors' favour with 1:44 to go. On the Devils' third goal, Joey Martin collected an assist to make him the Elite League's new all-time leading overseas point-scorer. He moved onto 597 points to take the lead outright from Jeff Legue.

Friday 1st November

Manchester Storm 2 Guildford Flames 4 Elite League

(1-0, 1-2, 0-2) SOG 34-39 PIMs 68-68 Att 1843

Guildford Flames came back from two down to beat Manchester Storm and record their second win of the week with a 4-2 victory at the Storm Shelter on Friday night. Gianluca Estevez put Storm ahead under five minutes into the game when he broke down the wing and beat Jake Kupsy short side at 4:53 for the only goal of the opening period. 5:21 into period two, Tyler Hinam used Grant Hebert as a decoy before curling a shot high into Kupsy's net to put the Storm two ahead. Two goals in just over as many minutes around the halfway mark of the game brought the Flames level. Jack Jacome tipped Charlie Dodero's point shot past Evan Weninger to make it a one-goal game, while dived to poke a loose puck from a Lewis Hook shot over the line on the powerplay to level the game at 32:53. Storm had a penalty shot to re-gain the lead but Kupsy came out on top, although that wasn't the end of the drama in the middle period. An incident involving Daniel Catenacci and Joe Morrow led to almost an entire line brawl at centre ice and the period called with 1:44 still left on the clock. A number of penalties were handed out and it's likely that won't be the end of the story when DOPS reviews them following the game. Back in the hockey game, Guildford went ahead on a delayed penalty with 11:01 left in the third - Ryan Tait's speed bringing the Flames into the zone, and Ethan Strang slotting home from the top of the crease. Strang added his second of the night with 2:27 left to put the Flames 4-2 up, and that's how things ended.

Department of Player Safety

On Friday night in Manchester, Flames forward #7 Daniel Catenacci was assessed a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for Slew-Footing. Effectively immediately, Guildford Flames #7 Daniel Catenacci is fined and suspended one game.





EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 9



Saturday 2nd November

Guildford Flames 5 Glasgow Clan 3 Elite League

(1-0, 1-2, 4-1) SOG 30-36 PIMs 2-6 Att 1699

Guildford Flames logged their third win in four nights with a 5-3 home win over Glasgow Clan. Guildford started strong, scoring just 24 seconds into the game. Jake Jacome gave them the early lead off a rebound after Matt Alvaro's shot was saved well by Landon Bow's left pad. Clan absorbed a lot of early Flames pressure but gradually worked their way back into things and only ended one down after the first 20 minutes. The visitors hit the ground running in period two and it was no surprise when they levelled. Cole Uilly got the equaliser on the powerplay seven seconds past the 30-minute mark of the game when he swept home a rebound in the slot. 127 seconds later, Liam Finlay snuck a one-timer through Eamon McAdam's five-hole from a sharp angle to put Clan ahead. Ethan Strang dangled in from the wing and beat Bow with a backhand shot low to tie the game 3:39 into period three. The hosts then took the lead with a Charlie Curti shot from below the goal line that bounced off a Clan defenseman and then beat Bow five-hole at 49:57. Ryan Tait hit the post as the Flames broke on a late 2-on-1, but the puck broke to Charlie Dodero who fired past Bow to give the Flames a two-goal cushion with 2:47 to play. "We just went back to what makes us successful," said Matt Alvaro of the Flames' turnaround. "We were turning pucks over too easily so we went back to getting pucks in behind them and back to what we do well." Deven Sideroff pulled Clan back to within one with 1:54 to go to set up a tense finish, but Alvaro found the empty net with 58 seconds remaining to ensure the Flames secured the two points - their third win of the week. "We're going in a good direction right now," added Alvaro. "We're thrilled with his this week went but we know we have to keep building on it. We can get better, that's the big thing. Everyone has been stepping up while we're missing some bodies and I'm proud of how everyone has stuck together."

Sheffield Steelers 5 Manchester Storm 3 Challenge Cup

(2-1, 2-2, 1-0) SOG 42-21 PIMs 18-64 Att 7221

Sheffield Steelers logged their eighth straight Challenge Cup win to stay perfect at the top of Group A, beating Manchester Storm 5-3 in front of 7,221 fans at the Utilita Arena. The Steelers open scoring with a nice interchange of passing between Mark Simpson and Mikko Juusola, finished by the Steelers' centre past Evan Weninger at 3:30. A defensive miscue, however, led to an equaliser for Storm at 13:57 with Ryan Hughes the scorer. The game's first incident saw Storm's Grant Herbert ejected for Cross-Checking less than three minutes later, and the Steelers took the lead on the resulting powerplay though Daniel Leavens following a scramble in front of Weninger's net inside the final two minutes of the opening period. An aggressive net drive from Marc-Olivier Vallerand and back door feed saw the Steelers take a 3-1 lead with Brandon Whistle finishing 3:50 into period two. However, Manchester weren't going away and got themselves back into things on a 5-on-3 powerplay goal scored by Joe Morrow at 31:02. Finlay Ulrick put the hosts back two ahead just over three and a half minutes later with a tap in, but the game was brought back to 4-3 at 35:05 when Loren Ulett got on a rebound to a Tyler Hinam shot. Alexis D'Aoust was ejected before the period was over on a Boarding major. After a busy middle period, the third was a little more straightforward, although the sides split four minor penalties inside the opening eight minutes of the period. Vallerand's goal with 9:31 to play put the Steelers 5-3 ahead and somewhat took the sting out of the game, and they saw out the remainder of the period to secure a 5-3 win.





EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 9



Nottingham Panthers 3 Cardiff Devils 1 Elite League

(0-0, 1-1, 2-0) SOG 29-20 PIMs 2-2 Att 5432

Didrik Henbrant scored a hat trick to give Nottingham Panthers a 3-1 home win over Cardiff Devils, and end their three-game loss streak. It was the Panthers' second win over the Devils at the Motorpoint Arena this season, having previously beaten them in the Challenge Cup. The game was late starting by some 90 minutes after the Devils team was delayed in traffic en route to the Motorpoint Arena. Ending the first period scoreless was about as good as a scoreline as the visitors would have hoped for under the circumstances. Henbrant's first of the evening game just under two minutes into second period. The Swede took Kristoff Kontos' pass on a 2-on-1 rush and beat Ben Bowns high to open the scoring at 21:55. Brett Perlini scored against his former team to level things nine minutes later with a shot that beat Ryan Bednard through the screen of Reid Duke in front. Two goals in just over four minutes earned the hosts the points in the final period. Henbrant did everything himself for his second of the game, deking past two Devils defensemen before finishing high at 53:16 to give the Panthers the lead. He then broke between to Devils and popped the water bottle for his hat trick goal 2:32 from the final buzzer to complete the hat trick!

Dundee Stars 4 Coventry Blaze 3 OT Elite League

(1-0, 1-0, 1-3, 1-0) SOG 33-15 PIMs 6-10 Att 1759

Three goals in the space of eight third-period minutes looked to have earned Coventry Blaze a road win in Dundee, only for Philippe Sanche to tie the game on his return to the Stars and Zach Tsekos to win it for the hosts in overtime. "I think we played a solid 40 minutes and then kind of let it get away a little bit when we got the two-goal lead in the third, but we found a way to dig deep and get a huge goal at the end," said Sanche, who tied the game late on. An energetic first period in Dundee saw both the Stars and Blaze come out of the gate strong, with chances early on both ends of the ice. Coventry thought they had taken an early lead 01:55 into the game, but after video review it was determined that Stars' netminder Richard Sabol had managed to keep the puck out of his goal through a crucial post-to-post save to deny the visitors. It seemed the score would remain 0-0 heading into the first intermission, however Keanu Yamamoto scored his fourth of the season late in the first to send the home team ahead. After catching the Blaze on a bad change, Yamamoto skated the puck into the offensive zone and fired a shot from the right wing, deflecting off the skate of a Blaze defender and past Mat Robson at 19:39. Coventry entered the second period looking for an equaliser, they came close on numerous occasions however Sabol was sharp and denied everything thrown his way. Dundee doubled their lead just over the halfway mark, once again benefiting from lucky deflection off of a Blaze player. This time it was Jake Elmer who netted the Stars' second at 35:05. The Canadian set the puck towards the net which took a bounce off Robson's stick and into his net, sending the home side 2-0 going into the final period. Alessio Luciani got the Blaze on the board 97 seconds into period three with a shot that beat Sabol high, and by 44:11 they were just level thanks to Archie Hazeldine's shot from the point that beat Sabol glove side. Nick Seitz completed the turnaround at 49:30 when a rebound off a Grayson Constable shot landing on his stick at the top of the crease. However, Dundee weren't done. With 3:13 to play, neat passing involving Alex Tonge and Ben O'Connor found Philippe Sanche in front for a goal on his return to the Stars to tie the game. "We got away a little bit, we kind of sat on our heels so it was all about putting pucks deep, going into the corners, winning battles and getting back to our game plan," said Sanche of the third period. "We started doing that right away, obviously it's nice to get that tying goal and score again in Dundee." A late Delay of Game penalty on the Stars set up the Blaze with a powerplay for the final 65 seconds, but the hosts held out and both teams took a point. A couple of penalties in overtime saw the game go from 4-on-4 to 4-on-3 in the early stages. With the Stars shorthanded, a lofted pass from Drydn Dow landed perfectly for the on-rushing Tsekos to take and beat Robson to win it in overtime for the hosts! On his return to Dundee, Sanche added: "It's been a lot of fun, every practice guys are having fun. They're coming off a really good stretch here so you're excited to come to the rink, work with these guys and get to know them. It's been an exciting first week and a half, and I was thrilled to get on the ice in front of the fans."



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 9



Department of Player Safety

On Saturday night in Belfast, Giants #9 Ben Lake was assessed a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for Boarding. To summarise: This is Boarding, Is an avoidable hit, Forceful contact through the numbers. Effectively immediately, Belfast Giants' Ben Lake is fined and suspended for one game.

Sunday 3rd November

Coventry Blaze 3 Glasgow Clan 1 Elite League

(0-1, 1-0, 2-0,) SOG 31-29 PIMs 4-33 Att 1904

Coventry Blaze made it a five-point week and moved to within a point of the league-leading Sheffield Steelers thanks to a 3-1 win over Glasgow Clan, their second by that scoreline this season. Captain Kim Tallberg hit the Blaze's game-winner was the team's Man of the Match. "It was a really strong week for the team. Cardiff is a hard place to win which gave us a lot of confidence," explained the Swede. We got a point in Dundee which we weren't totally happy with, but it was good to come home with something. Then back home we executed and got what we wanted against Glasgow." Both teams began the game by drawing both Mat Robson and Landon Bow into good saves in close, although it was a more defensive game thereafter as caution took precedence. The Clan opened up the scoring of the game just shy of the 10-minute mark with a close range shot from Tyson McLellan hitting Robson's net at 9:21. Alessio Luciani rang a shot off the crossbar in the closest the Blaze came to tying the game. It took the hosts until the final five minutes of the middle period to draw level. Chase Gresock's shot was saved by Bow but the rebound deflected straight off Jackson Cressy to bring the Blaze level at 34:05. Period three saw the Blaze the quicker out of the blocks - 14 seconds in fact before they were ahead. Jacob Stridsberg's shot was blocked by Simon Despres but the loose puck fell kindly to Kim Tallberg to beat Bow and put the hosts 2-1 ahead. "Most importantly is that we win as a team, it was nice to put that one in and give us the lead but the bigger thing is we won and all of the guys are buzzing in the locker room now" added Tallberg. Penalty killing was excellent from both teams in the third. Clan killed off over four minutes of a major on Despres that saw him ejected for Elbowing, plus an additional call Chris McKay that meant they were down to just three skates for two minutes. A pair of quick penalties on the Blaze gave Clan a 5-on-3 opportunity, but this time it was the home side's kill that came out on top. Bow left the net with two goals to go, but Michael Regush hit the empty net from his own zone to settle the game with 70 seconds to play.

Belfast Giants 1 Dundee Stars 0 Challenge Cup

(0-0, 0-0, 1-0,) SOG 40-28 PIMs 8-6 Att 5955

Belfast Giants booked their place in the Challenge Cup Semi-Finals with victory over Dundee Stars, cementing their place at the top of Group B in front of 5,955 fans at the SSE Arena. The game started quickly as Belfast thought they had the lead at 1:12 through JJ Piccinich. However, the goal was washed out with the net out of position. An altercation involving Mack Stewart and Kameron Kielly saw the Stars come out with a two-minute powerplay, but they couldn't break the deadlock and the period ended without score. Belfast thought they'd gone ahead in period two as well, only to see the goal called back for Elijah Barriga tipping Cameron Pound's shot with a high stick. The game, unusually, entered the third period scoreless. Eventually the deadlock was broken, and it went the way of the hosts. With 4:28 played in the third, a rolling puck broke to Ciaran Long who one-timed the puck through Jarrett Fiske to put the Giants ahead. The Stars pulled Fiske for the extra skater with 1:52 left but to no avail, and Belfast celebrated reaching the next stage of the Cup. "We were really good. We were short benched so the boys really dug deep. We gave it all we had and we got the win in the end and that's all you can ask for," said Mack Stewart after the game. "It means a lot for the team to have the chance of winning the first trophy of the year so we'll just build on that now moving forward."



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 9



Cardiff Devils 5 Sheffield Steelers 3 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 1-1, 3-1,) SOG 55-19 PIMs 6-35 Att 3110

Cardiff Devils secured the two points they needed to stay alive in the Challenge Cup, beating defending Champions Sheffield Steelers 5-3 at the Vindico Arena. A back-and-forth first period saw Reid Duke take an early high-sticking call, allowing Steeler's Vallerand to score an impressive goal during the powerplay. Not long after, the Devils received a powerplay of their own but were unable to convert - something that would become a theme over the evening. The home side did level before the end of the period, however. A 2-on-1 involving Reid Duke and Tyler Busch was converted by the former at 13:34 to keep things level through 20 minutes. An eventful start to the second period saw Cole Shudra ejected for Cross-Checking, but again the home side's powerplay came up short, the Steelers successfully killing off the entire five minutes. And the visitors went on to punish the Devils when Vallerand netted his second of the night while Josh MacDonald sat a Slashing minor. The period would end level, though. Reid Duke stole the puck on his own blue line, got past Mark Simpson, and beat Greenfield as he was being tripped to level the scores at 35:14. Cardiff ended the second period strong and carried that momentum over into the third. They took the lead through Cole Sanford period, finding themselves a goal through the forward of Cole Sanford, beating Greenfield five-hole from a bad angle at 49:46, before Riley Brant made it 4-2 off a pass from Ben Davies a little under three minutes later. Duke's badly-timed Interference minor allowed the Steelers to score their third powerplay goal of the night when a wonderful Mitchell Balmas pass found Mikko Juusola for the back-post tap-in at 54:05. 46 seconds later, however, MacDonald fed Joey Martin to beat Greenfield and put the Devils back two ahead. That was where the scoring ended and kept the Devils alive in the Cup, while the Steelers went down to their first defeat in the Challenge Cup this season.

Department of Player Safety

On Sunday night in Cardiff, Sheffield Steelers #27 Cole Shudra was assessed a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for Cross-Checking. Effective immediately, Sheffield Steelers' Cole Shudra is fined.





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
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



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

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Goalies

29 Landon Bow

44 Lucas Brine

Defencemen

4 Simon Després

73 Joseph Hazeldine

27 Reece Kelly

74 Darien Kielb

55 Chris McKay

40 Archie Salisbury

49 Steven Seigo

53 Kian Shevlin

24 Matt Stief

Forwards

88 Kyle Carruth

10 Liam Finlay

57 Alex Forbes

23 Gary Haden

13 Mitchell Heard

12 Keaton Jameson

7 Robert Lachowicz

9 Tyson McLellan

94 Cade Neilson

28 Félix Paré

17 Michael Pelech

77 Nick Prkusic

71 Rylan Schwartz

95 Deven Sideroff

91 Cole Uly

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

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CLAN IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

9
Games played

1
Wins

8
Losses

0
Overtime wins

0
Overtime losses

0.111
Win %

2
Points

16
Goals scored

38
Goals against

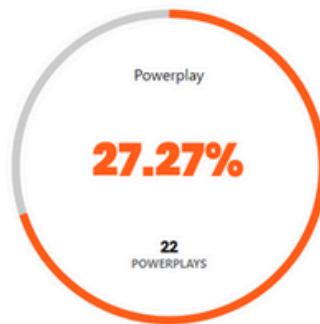
1.78
Goals For average

4.22
Goals Against average

3 594
Average attendance

297
Shots on goal for

287
Shots on goal against



		Position	Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
49	Steven Seigo	D	9	2	6	8	2	1	1	-7	19	44	0	1	5	21:57
9	Tyson McLellan	FW	9	4	3	7	4	0	0	-2	24	32	76	52	1	17:10
95	Deven Sideroff	FW	9	3	3	6	35	2	0	-10	29	50	0	0	0	17:56
13	Mitchell Heard	FW	7	2	3	5	33	1	0	-8	19	30	88	51	0	18:19
10	Liam Finlay	FW	9	1	4	5	2	0	0	-5	20	41	0	0	1	16:39
91	Cole Ully	FW	6	2	2	4	2	1	0	-7	25	32	0	0	0	18:15
71	Rylan Schwartz	FW	9	1	2	3	0	0	0	-4	22	32	1	0	2	17:20
73	Joe Hazeldine	D	9	1	1	2	2	1	0	-4	11	27	0	1	5	20:17
23	Gary Haden	FW	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	-3	15	24	0	1	1	14:04
4	Simon Despres	D	9	0	2	2	35	0	0	-4	14	29	0	1	7	18:19
77	Nick Prkusic	FW	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	-1	10	10	0	1	3	10:26
94	Cade Neilson	FW	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	-2	6	7	19	28	1	14:34
55	Chris McKay	D	9	0	1	1	8	0	0	-4	16	27	0	1	13	20:15
27	Reece Kelly	D	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	5	12	1	0	2	12:45
7	Robert Lachowicz	FW	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	-2	6	11	37	36	3	12:09
17	Michael Pelech	FW	9	0	0	0	4	0	0	-3	10	13	58	67	2	15:26
57	Alex Forbes	RW	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	7	12	0	0	1	09:29
74	Darien Kielb	D	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	-6	17	37	0	2	7	17:25
24	Matt Stief	D	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-6	2	6	0	0	2	14:54
28	Felix Pare	FW	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	-6	9	13	27	33	4	12:51
12	Keaton Jameson	FW	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7	11	24	10	11	7	13:23



		Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
29	Landon Bow	8	1	7	0	247	28	469	3.58	88.66	0
44	Lucas Brine	1	0	1	0	36	6	60	6	83.33	0

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ON THEIR ROSTER

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

In this edition we feature **Michael Pelech**

MICHAEL PELECH FACTS

Date of Birth	Oct 06, 1989	Position	C
Age	35	Height	191 cm / 6'3"
Place of Birth	Toronto, ON, CAN	Weight	98 kg / 216 lbs
Nation	Canada	Shoots	L
Youth Team	-	Contract	24/25
Drafted	2009 round 6 #156 overall by Los Angeles Kings		

CAREER STATS

S	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	+/-	POST	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	+/-
2003-04	Toronto Marlboros U15 AAA	GTHL U15	-	-	-	-	-	-							
2004-05	St. Michael's Buzzers	OPJHL	47	12	25	37	22	-							
2005-06	Kitchener Rangers	OHL	48	3	6	9	32	-4	Playoffs	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Kitchener Dutchmen	MWJHL	2	2	1	3	2	-	Playoffs	4	1	0	1	10	-
	Canada Ontario U17	WHC-17	5	0	4	4	6	-							
2006-07	Toronto St. Michael's Majors	OHL	65	12	35	47	54	-24							
2007-08	Mississauga St. Michael's Majors	OHL	68	17	32	49	72	-10	Playoffs	4	1	1	2	6	-6
2008-09	Mississauga St. Michael's Majors	OHL	68	19	46	65	121	7	Playoffs	11	4	9	13	23	4
2009-10	Ontario Reign	ECHL	72	10	25	35	133	-21							
2010-11	Manchester Monarchs	AHL	5	0	0	0	6	0							
	Ontario Reign	ECHL	63	9	19	28	127	-10							
2011-12	Toledo Walleye	ECHL	10	0	5	5	11	-6							
	Cincinnati Cyclones	ECHL	60	16	44	60	98	17							
	Norfolk Admirals <i>Loan</i>	AHL	1	0	0	0	0	0							
	Cincinnati Cyclones "A"	ECHL	50	13	33	46	74	2	Playoffs	17	4	7	11	48	-1
2012-13	Worcester Sharks <i>Loan</i>	AHL	3	0	1	1	2	1							
	Connecticut Whale <i>Loan</i>	AHL	7	0	0	0	8	0							
	Peoria Rivermen <i>Loan</i>	AHL	8	1	0	1	2	-2							
	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	63	13	31	44	97	3	Playoffs	5	1	0	1	8	-5
2014-15	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	56	25	34	59	109	-7	Playoffs	11	5	8	13	12	2
	Rochester Americans <i>Loan</i>	AHL	10	1	3	4	21	4							
2015-16	Norfolk Admirals "A"	ECHL	57	9	29	38	77	-11							
	San Diego Gulls <i>Loan</i>	AHL	1	0	0	0	2	0							
	Reading Royals	ECHL	13	2	4	6	2	-4	Playoffs	14	1	6	7	37	2
2016-17	Reading Royals	ECHL	21	4	12	16	45	-2							
	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	48	16	21	37	98	-3	Playoffs	5	1	0	1	6	-7
2017-18	Utah Grizzlies	ECHL	57	18	31	49	114	-2							
2018-19	Greenville Swamp Rabbits	ECHL	72	18	47	65	136	-9							
2019-20	Greenville Swamp Rabbits	ECHL	63	16	37	53	55	4							
2020-21	Wheeling Nailers	ECHL	20	0	10	10	26	-11							
	Indy Fuel	ECHL	42	10	14	24	20	-5	Playoffs	4	0	1	1	0	-2
2021-22	Atlanta Gladiators	ECHL	46	11	25	36	48	6							
2022-23	Atlanta Gladiators "A"	ECHL	71	18	57	75	92	24							
2023-24	Glasgow Clan "A"	EIHL	41	18	19	37	28	-23							

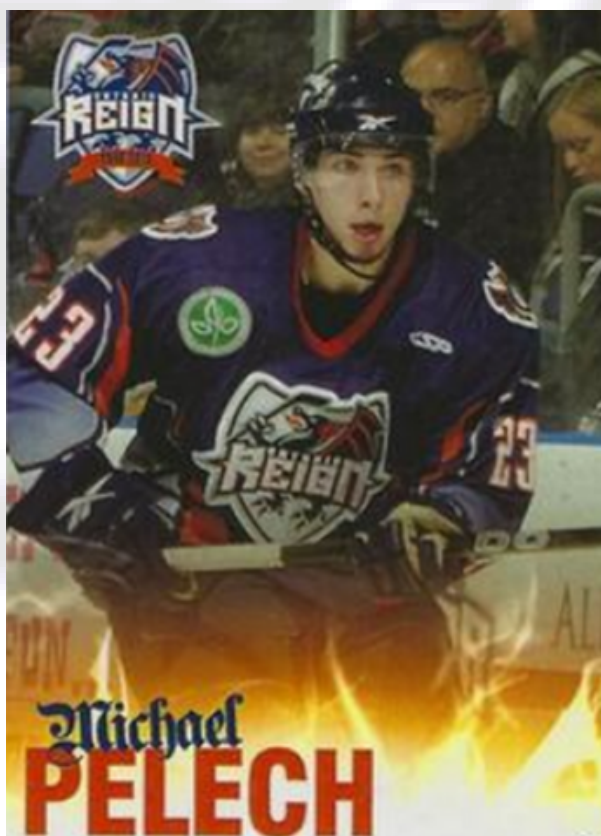
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Michael and the Pelech siblings story...

Tuesday 14th February 2023 and a Valentine's Night to remember for Mike Pelech as the South Carolina Stingrays met the Atlanta Gladiators. History was made the second the puck dropped as Atlanta forward Pelech was in the lineup for the game, marking his 860th career contest in the ECHL, making him the all-time games played leader in the league's history. Pelech surpassed ECHL Hall of Famer Sam Ftocek, who skated in 859 games over a 10-year span from 1998-2008. "On behalf of the ECHL, I would like to congratulate Mike Pelech on breaking the ECHL record for career games played," ECHL Commissioner Ryan Crelin said in a statement. "In our decorated 35-year history, this accomplishment speaks volumes to the hard work, dedication, professionalism and love of the game that Mike has portrayed for all of these years in our league." In addition to the Gladiators, the Toronto, Ontario native has suited up for the Ontario Reign, Toledo Walleye, Cincinnati Cyclones, Utah Grizzlies, Norfolk Admirals, Reading Royals, Greenville Swamp Rabbits, Wheeling Nailers and Indy Fuel over a career that has spanned 14 ECHL seasons. Pelech entered the contest fourth in league history with 655 points, including 457 assists which was just three shy of second all-time in the ECHL. Mike would go on to set his record at 884 regular season games and he claimed second all-time in assists with 478 and his 686 points is currently good for third overall all-time. The 33-year-old had shown no signs of slowing down as he was in the midst of one of the more productive campaigns in his ECHL career. He entered the game with 44 points in 46 games for Atlanta. The 0.96 points per game he was averaging was the second highest scoring rate over 14 seasons.

Mike played Major Junior in the Ontario Hockey League with the Toronto/Mississauga St. Michael's Majors over three seasons. His first during the 2006-07 season he was ranked third on Toronto's team with 35 assists. The with the team relocated to Mississauga he finished two seasons (2007-09) with 114 points (36+78) and 193 penalty minutes in 136 games. In his final season he was ranked first on Mississauga's team in points (65), third in goals (19) and second in assists (46) and penalty minutes (121). The summer of 2009 saw him selected by the Los Angeles Kings in the sixth-round (156th overall) in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft. His long association with the ECHL started when he made his professional debut with the ECHL's Ontario Reign against Bakersfield on October 16 2009. He recorded his first professional point, an assist, with the Reign against Bakersfield on October 28 and tallied his first professional goal with Ontario against Bakersfield on November 18. He was tied for seventh on the team in points with 35 points (10+25)



in 72 games and ranked first among club rookies in points (35), third on the team in penalty minutes with 133 and fifth among league rookies in penalty minutes. He signed a one-year contract in the American Hockey League with the Manchester Monarchs on August 25, 2010 and would go on to play five games that season whilst continuing to be a hardnosed player with the Reign in the ECHL where he returned 28 points (9+19) and 127 penalty minutes in 63 games. For the next couple of seasons Mike bounced around a bit with stops in the ECHL with the Toledo Walleye before being traded to the Cincinnati Cyclones where he wore the "A" along with stints in the AHL with the Norfolk Admirals, Worcester Sharks, Connecticut Whale and Peoria Rivermen. He found a home in the ECHL for the next couple of seasons with the Utah Grizzlies where he played alongside future Flyer Kris Hogg in his first season and in his second season played a short while with brother Matt as he ended second top points scorer. Season 2015/16 Mike returned to play for the Norfolk Admirals who were now an ECHL team following his one game for them in the 2011/12 season and he wore the "A".

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In March 2016 he was traded to the Reading Royals and ended the season playing alongside current Flyer Austin Farley. His time in Reading ended in December 2016 when he resigned for the Utah Grizzlies. 2017/18 saw Pelech enter his fourth season with the Grizzlies after totalling 37 points in 48 games on 16 goals and 21 assists the previous campaign. His return to the Utah lineup helped start a 27-13-4-1 run to finish the season, and he was named the team's Most Valuable Player at the year-end Player Awards Banquet. He would be second in scoring that season and over the 2010 decade Pelech had the most points by a Grizzlies skater with 189 (72 goals, 117 assists) and also played in the most games with 224. In June 2018 he was acquired in a trade by the Greenville Swamp Rabbits and he served as team captain and had a banner year in the Upstate by scoring a career-high 65 points, and by owning a share of 33.9% of the team's scoring—a league high mark. Pelech led the Swamp Rabbits in assists (47), points (65), shorthanded goals (2), power play assists (10) and shorthanded assists (3), and finished third in goals (18). His strong point total was good for ninth in the league, and his assist total was good for fourth in the league. He was also the only Swamp Rabbits player to play in all 72 games. The following season he was once again the Swamp Rabbits points leader with 53 (16+37). For season 2020-21 Atlanta was to be his destination but with the pandemic the Gladiators opted out of play and Mike spent that season between the Wheeling Nailers and the Indy Fuel before returning to Atlanta for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 seasons before his move to join the Clan.

Mike comes from a strong hockey family in the Greater Toronto Area. His older brother Matt was a first-round draft pick of the Calgary Flames and also appeared in 15 ECHL games over his career. His younger brother, Adam, is currently a defenseman for the New York Islanders. The siblings uncle, Mike Gillis, was drafted into the NHL 5th overall by the Colorado Rockies (now the New Jersey Devils) in the 1978 NHL Entry Draft. However, he never truly lived up to the expectations of being a top five pick, only playing 125 career games across seven seasons. However, Gillis did see success as the General Manager of the Canucks, during his tenure, the Canucks won the presidents trophy in back to back seasons and made the Stanley Cup final in 2011 for the first time since 1994. Mike Pelech's career is a story of perseverance and passion to have played both as long as he has and as successfully. He will undoubtedly one day find himself alongside Ftorek and many other luminaries of the league in the ECHL Hall of Fame soon after his career concludes.

Let's take a quick look at his siblings careers starting with older brother Matt.

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Matt who was born September 4, 1987 was a defenseman/forward who last played for and captained the Belfast Giants. He formerly played with the Calgary Flames and the San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey League. He was a draft pick of the Flames, selected in the first round, 26th overall in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft and made his NHL debut in 2009 as a defenceman with the Flames. As a youth, Matt played in the 2001 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament with a minor ice hockey team from Vaughan. Matt played four seasons in the Ontario Hockey League with the Sarnia Sting, London Knights and Belleville Bulls. In 2007, he was assigned to the Quad City Flames of the American Hockey League. He was recalled by the Flames on April 4, 2009, making his NHL debut that night against the Minnesota Wild. He recorded his first career point, an assist, three nights later against the Los Angeles Kings. He joined the Abbotsford Heat for the 2009-10 season when the Flames relocated their AHL team. He was sidelined in January 2010 with a blood clot in his arm, an ailment team doctors initially feared was season ending. Matt recovered in time to join the Heat for their playoff run, appearing in all 13 of the team's post-season games. He appeared in 59 games for the Heat in 2010-11, scoring 3 goals, 2 assists and adding 198 penalties in minutes (PIM). The Flames chose not to offer him a new contract following the season, making him an unrestricted free agent. Marr signed with the San Jose Sharks, spending the season with their AHL affiliate, the Worcester Sharks. He appeared in 59 games during the 2011-12 AHL season, where he scored eight points and had 168 PIM. He was an alternate captain in Worcester, and was voted the team's "unsung hero". Matt, who was moved to the right wing and developed into an enforcer role in the Sharks organization, returned to Worcester for the 2012-13 season where he recorded seven points in 58 games and added a career-high 238 PIM. He also appeared in two games with San Jose. The Sharks again re-signed him to a one-year contract prior to the 2013-14 NHL season. Following a training camp in which he worked to prove he could be more than just a fighter, Matt was initially assigned to the San Francisco Bulls of the ECHL, but was recalled to San Jose for the season opening game when the Sharks' coaching staff felt the team required a greater physical presence.

He scored his first NHL goal – the game winner – against goaltender Roberto Luongo in a 4-1 victory over the Vancouver Canucks on October 10, 2013. On May 13, 2015, Pelech agreed to a one-year contract with German outfit, Schwenninger Wild Wings of the DEL. He made 49 appearances in his sole season with the Wild Wings, tallying eight goals and twelve assists. In April 2016, Matt inked a two-year deal with fellow DEL team Hamburg Freezers. However, the Freezers folded the following month. In September 2016, he signed with the Graz 99ers of the Austrian Hockey League. After one season in Austria, he moved back to Germany for the 2017-18 season as he inked a one-year deal with ERC Ingolstadt on May 23, 2017. On July 10, 2019, Matt moved to the Elite Ice Hockey League, signing for defending league champions the Belfast Giants whom he captained.



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Younger sibling Adam was born on August 16th 1994 in Toronto and he played minor ice hockey with the Toronto Marlboros under Connor Brown's father. He later gave this response to the question - Outside of family, who has the greatest impact on you in hockey? - "Probably my minor hockey coach, Dan Brown with the Toronto Marlboros. He was my coach from the time I was six or seven years old until my minor midget year. He taught me pretty much everything I know. His son, Connor Brown, is on my team in Erie right now so I see him all the time. He was a huge influence on my career. He stressed the defensive end of the game and that's something that is a strong part of a game.", Yup that's ex-Flyer Danny Brown from the Heineken era of the mid 1980's. Following the 2010 OHL draft, Adam joined the Otters for the 2010-11 season. He played in 22 games, tallying five points, before being selected to represent Team Ontario at the 2011 World U-17 Hockey Challenge. At the same time he was named the Midwest Division OHL Academic Player of the Month for October for maintaining a high GPA while attending McDowell Senior High School. During his rookie season, Adam was partnered with Brett Cook and they became a shutdown pair. He finished the season with one goal and 12 assists for 13 points through 65 games[2] and earned the Otters' Rookie of the Year award. Prior to his sophomore season, Adam was invited to attend Canada's Men's Summer Under-18 Team selection camp leading up to the 2011 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament. He subsequently helped Team Canada win their fourth straight gold medal at the tournament before returning to North America. As the 2011-12 season continued, he recovered from an injury and recorded six assists in eight games to become the first Otters defenceman since 2002 to be selected for the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game. Following the game, Adam earned a midterm ranking of 54th from the NHL Central Scouting Bureau and was selected to represent Team Canada at the 2012 IIHF World U18 Championships. At the time of the selection he had recorded two goals and 18 assists for 20 points in 44 games. He finished the season as the first OHL player in history to win the Ivan Tennant Memorial Award, the Bobby Smith Trophy, and represent Team Canada at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament.

Leading up to the 2012 NHL Entry Draft, Adam earned a final ranking of 120th among North American skaters by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau. He was eventually selected in the third round, 65th overall, by the New York Islanders. Following the draft he was selected to participate in the 2012 CHL Canada/Russia Series. He was also named an alternate captain for the Otters alongside Troy Donnay and Stephen Harper. By November 2012 Adam led Otters defencemen with 19 points in 20 games and tied for third among league defencemen.

On March 15, 2014, he signed a three-year, entry-level contract with the Islanders. At the time of the signing, he ranked third among OHL defencemen with 54 points in 59 games. Following the Islanders' 2014 training camp he was loaned to their American Hockey League affiliate, the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, to start the 2014-15 season. He spent the entire season with the Sound Tigers and tallied 11 assists through 65 games.

Adam returned to the Islanders for the 2015-16 season where he was again reassigned to the Sound Tigers. After tallying four points through 14 games, Adam received his first NHL recall on November 9, 2015. He eventually made his debut a few games later on November 13, in a 4-1 win over the Anaheim Ducks. He was reassigned to the AHL shortly thereafter but was again recalled to the Islanders later in the season on January 1, 2016, after Johnny Boychuk was injured. While playing with the Islanders, he left warmups prior to a game with a seemingly minor injury, and was subsequently diagnosed with an "undisclosed injury". Adam was held out for over two months before returning to the Islanders' minor league affiliate, and upon his return, his prior diagnosis of thoracic outlet syndrome was publicly announced. His treatment for this condition included surgery removing his first rib and portions of muscle and tissue. He finished the 2015-16 season by playing in nine games for the Islanders and averaging 17:34 per game.

In the final year of his contract, he was again reassigned to the Sound Tigers for the 2016-17 season. In a similar fashion to the previous season, Adam was recalled to the NHL level in November following injuries to their lineup. At the time of the recall, he had accumulated one goal and three assists in 10 games. During this recall, he tallied his first career NHL goal on November 23 in the first period to help the Islanders win 3-2 over the Ducks. His success was short-lived however as he suffered an upper-body injury during a win over the Calgary Flames on November 28.

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He was eventually placed on the Islanders long-term injury reserve. After missing 14 games to recover, the Islanders reassigned Adam to the AHL on December 31. He finished the season with three goals and seven assists in 44 games with the Islanders and earned praise from the teams' general manager Garth Snow as being "an important piece of our defensive core." On July 24, 2017, the Islanders re-signed him to a four-year, \$6.4 million contract worth \$1.6 million annually.

Following the signing, Adam began the 2017–18 season at the NHL level for the first time in his career. He experienced an uptake in offensive output and set career highs in both assists and points by December. In his 100th career NHL game on January 30, 2018, he scored the Islanders only goal in the 4–1 loss to the Florida Panthers. He later recorded his first career game-winning goal in a 4–1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on March 20. Adam ended his first full season at the NHL level with a career-high three goals and 16 assists for 19 points through 78 games. During the 2018 offseason, Calvin de Haan left the Islanders for the Carolina Hurricanes and he was expected to replace him in the lineup. Throughout the preseason with new coach Barry Trotz, Adam was paired alongside Ryan Pullock. By March 2019, Adam recorded a career-high five goals to tie for second with Devon Toews among team defencemen in goals. He eventually finished the regular season establishing career highs in goals and points. His offensive and defensive play helped the Islanders qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs for the first time since 2016. In the first round of the 2019 Stanley Cup playoffs, he tallied two assists through an average 86:21 minute of ice time as the Islanders swept the Penguins. However, the team was eliminated during the second round by the Hurricanes.

Following another career-best season, Adam returned to the Islanders for the 2019–20 season alongside his defensive partner Ryan Pullock. His season would be short-lived however as he suffered an injury to his Achilles tendon during the pregame warmup prior to a January game against the New Jersey Devils. Prior to the injury, he was averaging the second-most minutes on the team and averaged the most shorthanded time per game. He had also recorded 2.18 blocks per game.

Following the NHL restart after the COVID-19 he helped the Islanders beat the Panthers in the 2020 Stanley Cup playoffs Qualifiers by logging a team-high 20:13 of ice time per game and blocking a team-high 10 shots. In the second round, he recorded 46 hits through an average of 22:59 minutes of ice time per game as the Islanders beat the Washington Capitals in five games. Adam continued to produce during the Eastern Conference Second Round against the Philadelphia Flyers to help the Islanders qualify for the Conference Finals. As the Islanders met the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Conference Finals, he suffered an injury that kept him out of Game 6. He subsequently concluded the postseason with one goal and four assists through 21 games while averaging the second-most ice time on the team at 22:26 per game. After undergoing surgery on his wrist, Adam returned to the Islanders for the 2020–21 season. On May 4, 2021, he played in his 300th career NHL game as the Islanders lost 4–3 to the Buffalo Sabres. He finished the regular-season with four goals and 10 assists through 56 games and added five points through 19 Stanley Cup Playoff games.











On August 6, 2021, Adam signed an eight-year, \$46 million contract extension with the Islanders.

Following the contract extension, he returned to the Islanders for the 2021–22 season. He continued to be productive on the defensive end for the Islanders as he recorded 45 hits and 46 blocks by January. On February 6th 2022 Adam would make his first NHL All-Star Game appearance in Las Vegas. Last season which was once again beset with injuries and spells on Long Term Injured Reserve he went on to make his 500th regular season appearance for the Islanders



LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	17	17	15	18	19	18	18	17	16	15
Challenge Cup Games	10	8	7	10	10	9	9	9	9	9
League Games	7	9	8	8	9	9	9	8	7	6
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	3-5 v Blaze	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	3-5 v Devils
Longest Win Streak	5	4	6	2	1	4	3	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	2	2	4	6	10	4	4	3	3	2
Current Streak	5 Wins	1 Win	1 Win	1 Loss	10 Losses	2 Losses	3 Wins	2 Losses	2 Wins	1 Loss
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	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	1	2	3	2	0	1	0	0
Empty Net Goals For	3	2	4	1	0	3	3	1	1	4
Empty Net Goals Against	3	3	0	2	4	7	1	1	1	0
Penalty Shots Scored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Penalty Shots Conceded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	63	58	46	43	40	42	43	53	49	52
Powerplay	15	13	14	6	9	10	9	12	15	9
Even Strength	46	43	28	36	31	30	32	40	34	41
Shorthanded	2	2	4	1	0	2	2	1	0	2
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	5	4	6	9	4	6	11	3	0	8
Powerplay	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	2
Even Strength	3	4	3	7	3	1	8	1	0	6
Shorthanded	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	35	39	40	61	79	57	52	61	36	34
Penalty Kill	11	10	12	7	10	17	14	15	6	7
Even Strength	22	28	25	52	68	38	38	43	28	27
Shorthanded	2	1	3	2	1	2	0	3	2	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	4	2	3	9	10	8	4	5	5	6
Penalty Kill	0	2	1	0	3	2	1	2	2	1
Even Strength	4	0	2	9	5	4	3	3	3	4
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	21	14	7	18	14	13	10	22	20	18
Goals Scored Period 2	18	25	17	17	16	17	19	21	16	19
Goals Scored Period 3	27	23	28	16	13	18	25	12	12	23
Goals Scored OT/SO	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	68	62	53	54	43	48	54	57	51	63
Goals Scored Per Game	4.00	3.65	3.53	3.00	2.26	2.67	3.00	3.35	3.19	4.20
Goals Conceded Period 1	12	12	19	18	26	15	21	17	5	13
Goals Conceded Period 2	11	13	10	28	32	14	22	25	22	12
Goals Conceded Period 3	15	15	12	23	31	36	14	24	14	14
Goals Conceded OT/SO	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
TOTAL Goals Conceded	39	41	44	70	91	66	59	67	42	40
Goals Against Per Game	2.29	2.41	2.93	3.89	4.79	3.67	3.28	3.94	2.63	2.67
Shots For P1	219	173	143	195	218	222	192	160	172	168
Shots For P2	215	230	161	198	191	198	210	171	171	190
Shots For P3	191	175	153	195	169	226	170	164	147	158
Shots For OT	5	0	10	8	4	0	7	4	11	9
TOTAL Shots For	630	578	467	596	582	646	579	499	501	525
Shots for Per Game	37.06	34.00	31.13	33.11	30.63	35.89	32.17	29.35	31.31	35.00
Shots Against P1	150	179	184	206	266	196	186	210	142	137
Shots Against P2	146	171	151	237	275	192	194	230	217	127
Shots Against P3	172	152	157	191	253	183	153	200	162	120
Shots Against OT	8	2	5	10	10	2	2	3	8	11
TOTAL Shots Against	476	504	497	644	804	573	535	643	529	395
Shots Against Per Game	28.00	29.65	33.13	35.78	42.32	31.83	29.72	37.82	33.06	26.33

League & Cup games played as at 04/11/2024

ANDI IN THE ATTIC



FLYERS LATVIAN CONNECTIONS

During Flyers' rich history the club has played teams from many different countries and have employed imports from predominantly North America but also from Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. With Latvian goalie Janis Voris joining this season this article covers his fellow countrymen who have played for Flyers over the past 30+ years. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Europe's Baltic States regained their independence and a team from Latvia, one of the Baltic States visited Kirkcaldy on 22/09/92. HC Saga undertook a short tour of the UK and Flyers were lined up as one of their opponents. This was one of the rare occasions that Flyers did not produce a match programme for this Tuesday night game that Flyers won at a canter. From the time that Iain Robertson opened the scoring at 6.12, it was one-way traffic, with Flyers winning each period, 3-0, 4-1 and 4-0. Frank Morris and Rob Abel notched hat tricks, Bobby Haig scored two and Cal Brown and Dean Edmiston getting the other goals in an 11-1 win against a disappointing Saga side.



Flyers' next "Latvian" opposition was based in Dundalk, Ireland and the teams played each other in the 2008/09 Celtic League. Latvian Hawks were one of two Irish clubs to play in that season's Celtic League along with Dundalk Bulls. Hawks' line up included a number of Latvian ex pats living in Ireland and the team was named in homage to the large number of Latvian nationals who had settled in Ireland. Flyers played Hawks four times in the league, the first on 15/11/08 at Kirkcaldy which resulted in a well-deserved 5-1 win for Flyers. Steven Gunn and Iain Bell both got doubles and Steven King scored the game winner. The following weekend Flyers travelled to Dundalk for a double header against Bulls on the Saturday and Hawks the next night, losing 3-5 to Hawks after beating Bulls 7-3. Flyers had led Hawks 2-1 thanks to Andy Samuel and Steven Lynch, but three unanswered goals gave Hawks the advantage. Goalie Blair Daly was pulled and Todd Dutiaume got one back but Hawks sealed the win with an empty netter. Flyers got their revenge on 17/01/09, but were made to work hard for their win. Hawks were 5-0 in front after 26.13 and Flyers faced an uphill task. Flyers made inroads into Hawks lead and had pulled it back to 3-5 by 40 minutes played, thanks to goals from King, Dutiaume and Willie Nicolson. Flyers continued to pile on the pressure in the third and drew level with goals from Chris Wands and Samuel, sending the game into overtime. Danny McIntyre netted the winner 6.55 into the extra session to send the 734 crowd home with a game to remember.

ANDI IN THE ATTIC



A Steven King hat trick the next weekend in Dundalk gave Flyers a comfortable 5-2 win against Hawks. The last ever game against Latvian Hawks was in the Celtic Cup play-off semi-final at Kirkcaldy on 28/03/09. Flyers beat Hawks 3-1 with goals from Gunn, Wands and Dutiaume, en-route to beating Dundee in the final the following day.

Hawks played Flyers in the Celtic Cup the next season, but by that time had changed their name to Charlestown Chiefs and one of the players in that squad and that of the Hawks was one of six Latvian nationals to play for Flyers, Aigers Brencis. Brencis' short Flyers career in the club's first season in the Elite League was a disappointing one for both player and club. His time at Kirkcaldy has previously been covered in an earlier article, but his 13 competitive outings for Flyers yielded no goals and only one assist, recorded in his last game at Edinburgh on 23/10/11.

Brencis was replaced by a fellow countryman. Toms Hartmanis, whose speed and skill was of a higher level than his predecessor. He had previous Elite League experience with Newcastle Vipers the season before, recording over a point per game. He made his Flyers debut on 29/10/11 at home to Hull and opened his account with two assists at Dundee the next Saturday. His first goal for Flyers came the next evening at Nottingham in a 2-3 overtime defeat in which flyers were outshot 11-76, with goalie Garret Zemlak making over 70 saves. Toms' last Flyers goal was in a 1-7 thrashing by Coventry and played his last game in Flyers 'colours in a fight filled 3-11 defeat at Edinburgh in the season's last game. After his time at Kirkcaldy where he recorded 13+24 in 44 games, Toms moved to Kazakhstan and Braehead for 12/13 and then played a decade his homeland before retiral at the end of the 2022/23 season.



Flyers' next Latvian import was Ricards Birzins, who had briefly played for Manchester Storm in a well-travelled career, and had two solid seasons in a Flyers jersey in 2017/18 and 18/19.

Birzins made his competitive debut in a 5-2 Challenge Cup win against Edinburgh on 16/09/17 and scored his first Flyers goal in a 7-1 hammering of Braehead away on 07/10/17. In his two seasons at Kirkcaldy Birzins played in 133 games and was a steady dependable defencemen who put up 11 goals and 43 assists, playing his last game for Flyers in a 0-3 play-off quarter final second leg defeat at Nottingham. Since leaving Flyers he has played in Latvia, Poland and the last three seasons in the French second tier.

At the start of 2018/19 season Rihards Grigors made a handful of pre-season challenge game appearances for Flyers having turned out for Edinburgh Capitals in 2017/18.

He was not retained for Flyers' regular season and spent the year at Milton Keynes and Murrayfield. Grigors re-appeared in a Flyers jersey at the start of 2021/22 and his stay at Kirkcaldy was not any longer than his first. He played in two league games, two Challenge Cup ties and one challenge match before he headed for Whitley for the last two seasons. This season he returns to the Edinburgh Capitals. In his most recent spell at Flyers he failed to record a point.

ANDI IN THE ATTIC



In 2021/22 Flyers signed another Latvian defenceman, Imants Lescovs, who came to Flyers having played 2020/21 in Poland and made his competitive Flyers debut in a 0-2 defeat at Coventry on 25/09/21. He was an ever present until his final game as a Flyer, a 2-6 defeat by Sheffield on 30/01/22. In his 38 Flyers games he scored 5+13, his first goal coming in a 8-0 thrashing of Manchester on 17/10/21 and his last on 19/01/22 in a 2-4 Challenge Cup quarter final defeat by Sheffield. Lescovs was released at the end of January 2022 and played the remainder of the season in Poland. He played the following season in Latvia before retiring on 2023.

Last but by no means least the final Latvian to wear Flyers colours was Vitalijs Pavlovs who joined the club at the start of December last season. Originally signed as injury cover for Ben Hawerchuk the 34 year old forward came



to Fife with a wealth of experience including 281 KHL games with Dynamo Riga and 78 games in the ECHL with the Colorado Eagles on his resume. Pavlovs has also made 154 appearances for the Latvian National team at various levels, crossing paths with current Fife Flyers head coach Tom Coolen during his tenure as Assistant Coach of the Latvian National Team between 2012-2014. He made his debut against the Coventry Blaze on 02/12 having arrived in the country that morning and recorded an assist in a 2-4 Flyers loss.

He scored the first of his 10 goals for the club at home the following weekend against the Sheffield Steelers and would miss only one game the rest of the season to end with 20 points from 43 games.

Of the five Latvian imports to have played for Flyers, in my opinion, Ricky Birzins was the most consistent performer, but perhaps Toms Hartmanis may have produced more in a better quality line-up.



ANDI
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In the concluding part of our look at the “Types of Penalties” we cover Rule 29 which describes to signals used by the game officials.

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

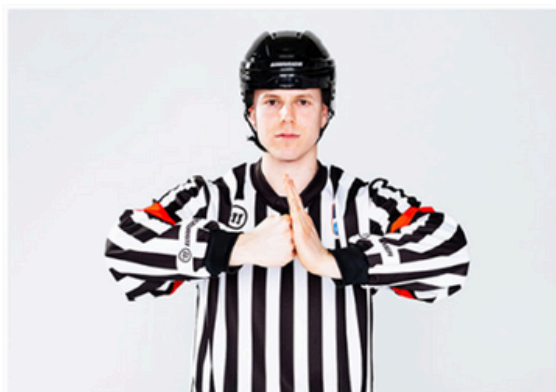
RULE 29 GAME OFFICIAL SIGNALS

The compilation and the explanations of the signals of the Game Officials are as follows:



RULE 24 – PENALTY SHOT

Both arms crossed over the head.



RULE 41 – BOARDING

Striking the clenched fist of one hand into the open palm of the opposite hand in front of the chest.



RULE 42 – CHARGING

Rotating clenched fists around one another in front of the chest.



RULE 43 – CHECKING FROM BEHIND

A forward motion of both arms, with the palms of the hands open and facing away from the body, fully extended from the chest at shoulder level.



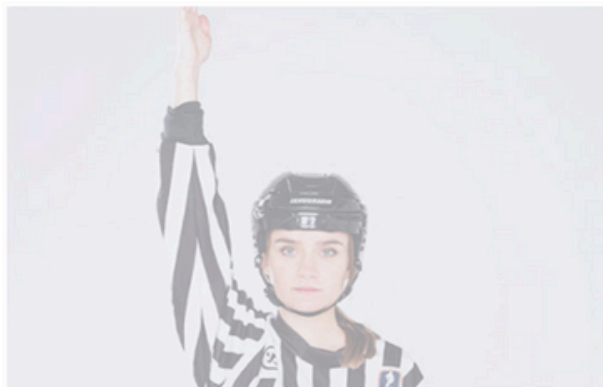
RULE 44 – CLIPPING

Striking leg with either hand behind the knee, keeping both skates on the ice.



RULE 45 – ELBOWING

Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



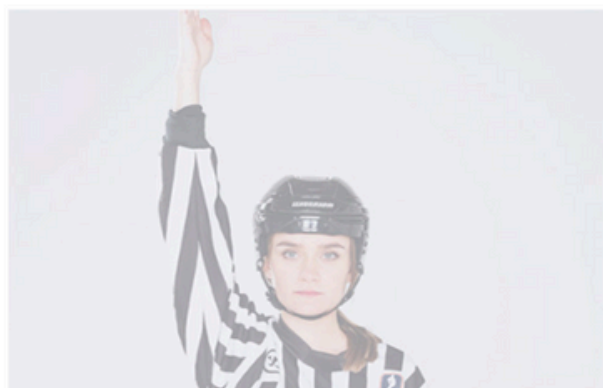
RULE 47 – HEAD BUTTING

No Signal



RULE 48 – ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK

Patting flat (open palm) of the non-whistle hand on this side of the head.



RULE 49 – KICKING

No Signal



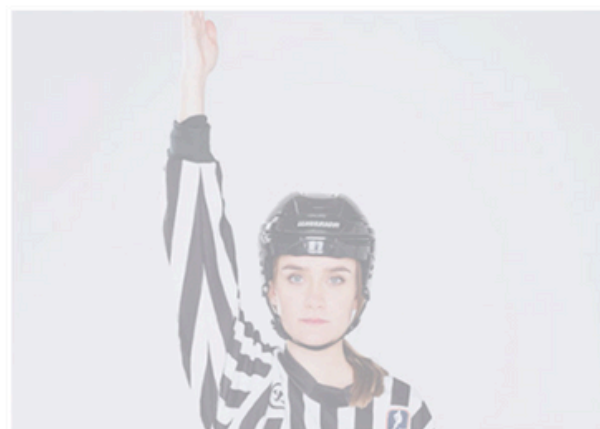
RULE 50 – KNEEING

Slapping either knee with the palm of the hand, while keeping both skates on the ice.



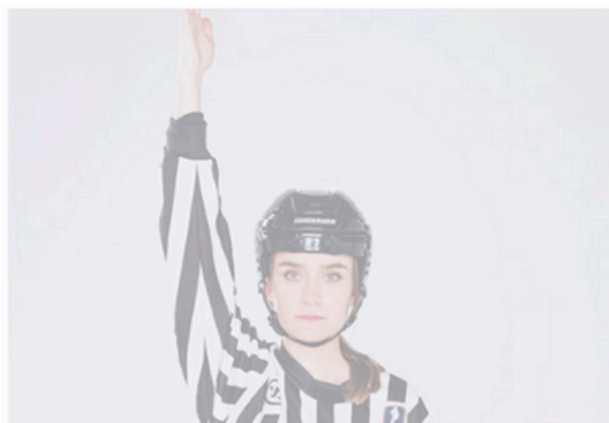
RULE 51 – ROUGHING / FIGHTING

Fist clenched and arm extended out to the side of the body.



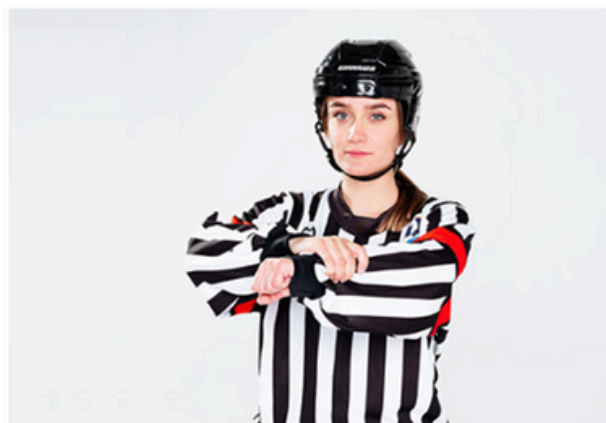
RULE 52 – SLEW-FOOTING

No Signal



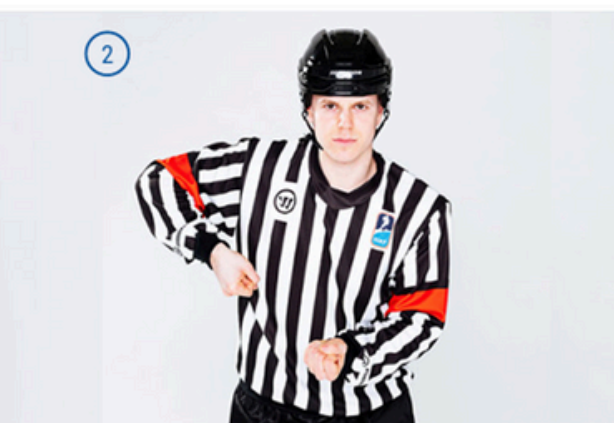
RULE 53 – THROWING EQUIPMENT

No signal.



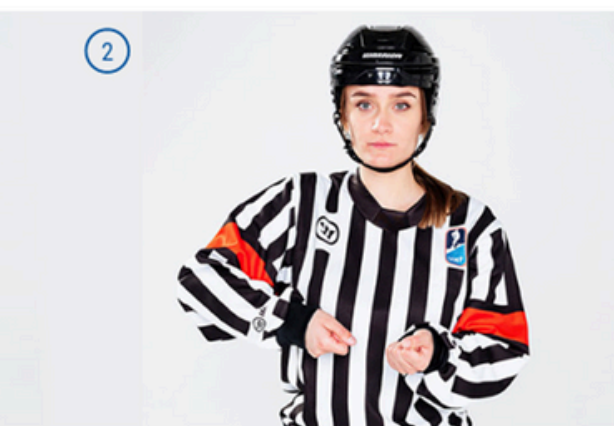
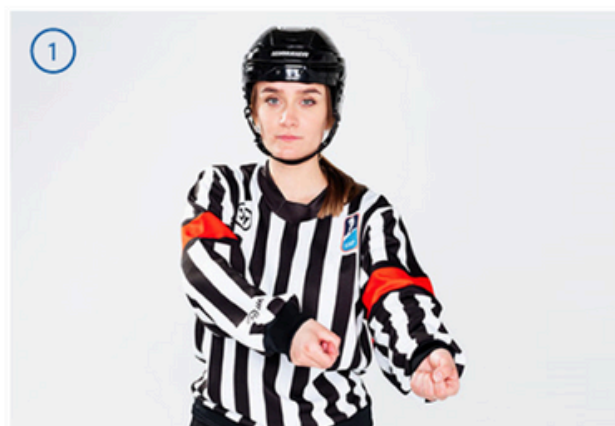
RULE 54 – HOLDING

Clasping either wrist with the other hand in front of the chest.



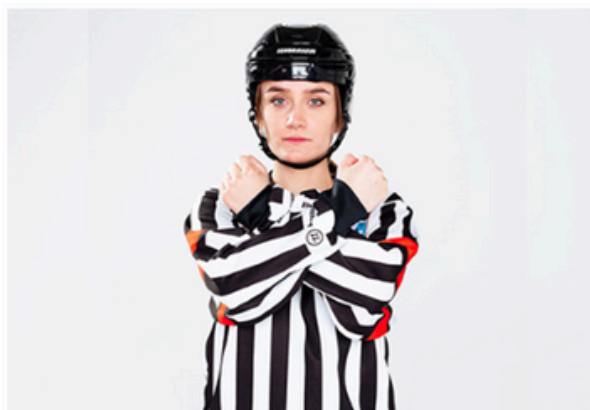
RULE 54 – HOLDING THE STICK (TWO STAGE SIGNALS)

Two stage signals involving the holding signal followed by a signal indicating you are holding onto a stick with two hands in a normal manner.



RULE 55 – HOOKING (TWO STAGE SIGNALS)

A tugging motion with both arms as if pulling something from in front toward the stomach.



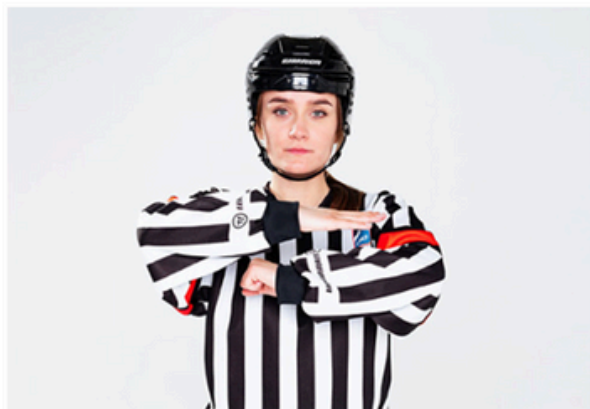
RULE 56 – INTERFERENCE

Crossing arms stationary in front of the chest in an "X" formation.



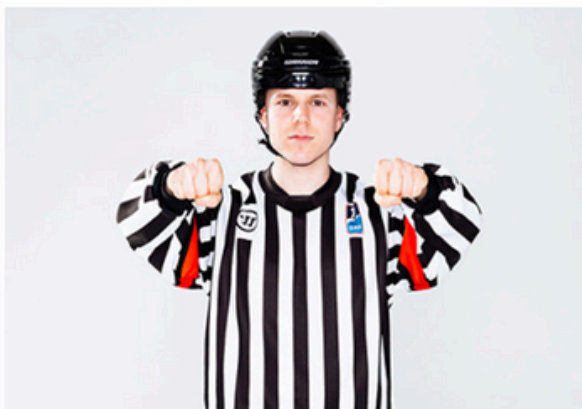
RULE 57 – TRIPPING

Striking leg with either hand below the knee, keeping both skates on the ice.



RULE 58 – BUTT-ENDING

Moving the forearm, fist closed, under the forearm of the other hand held palm down.



RULE 59 – CROSS-CHECKING

A forward and backward motion of the arms with both fists clenched, extending from the chest for a distance of about one foot.



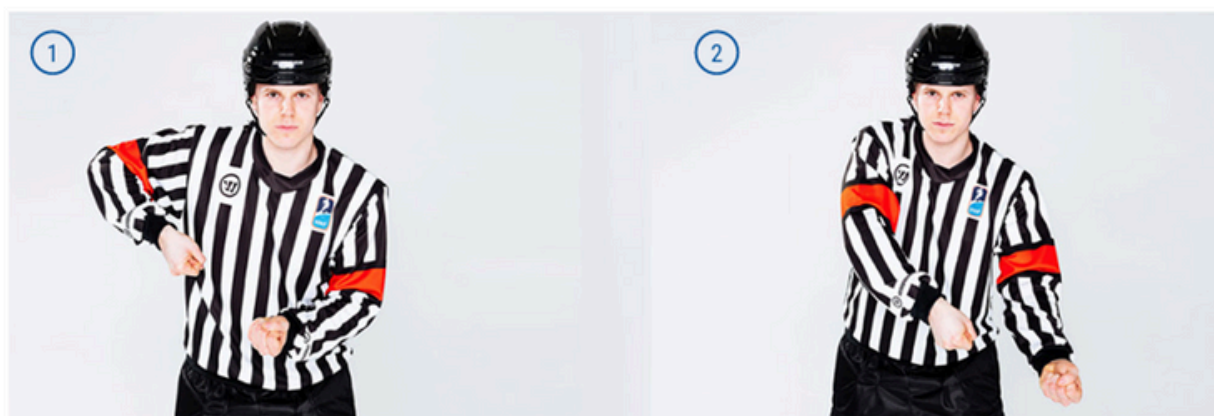
RULE 60 – HIGH-STICKING

Holding both fists clenched, one slightly above the other (as if holding a stick) at the height of the forehead.



RULE 61 – SLASHING

A chopping motion with the edge of one hand across the opposite forearm.



RULE 62 – SPEARING (TWO STAGE SIGNAL)

Jabbing motion with both hands thrust out immediately in front of the body and then hands dropped to the side of the body (essentially the opposite to the hooking signal – away from the body rather than towards the body).



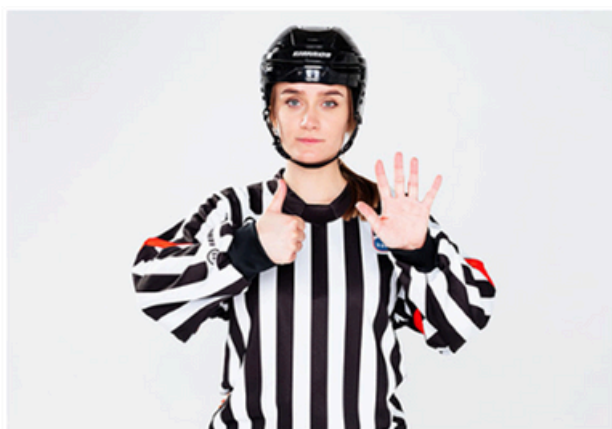
RULE 63 – DELAYING THE GAME

A moving motion in which the flat hand slides up from the lower hand from the center of the body.



RULE 64 – DIVING / EMBELLISHMENT

Both hands on hips, plus pointing two (2) fingers as appropriate.



RULE 74 – TOO MANY PLAYERS ON THE ICE

Indicate with six (6) fingers, one hand open, in front of the chest.



RULE 75 – UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Both hands on hips, plus pointing two (2) fingers as appropriate.

RULES CORNER



RULE 76 – FACE-OFF VIOLATION WARNING

One arm bent with the open palm up – on the side of the Team which conducted the face-off violation.



RULE 78 – PUCK IN THE NET

A signal with the outstretched hand directed at the goal into which the puck has legally entered.



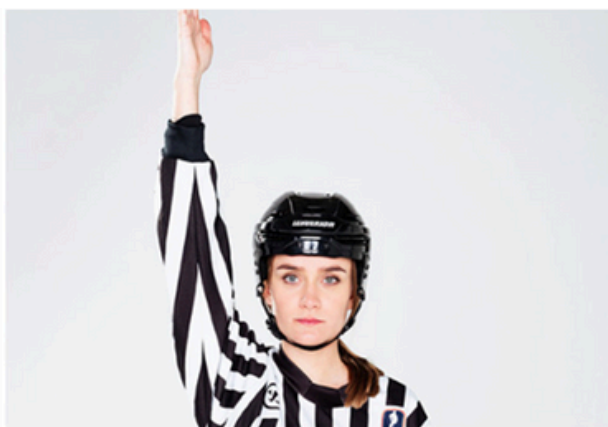
RULE 79 – HANDPASS

With the palm open and facing forward, a pushing motion towards the front of the body once or twice to indicate the puck was moved ahead with the hand.



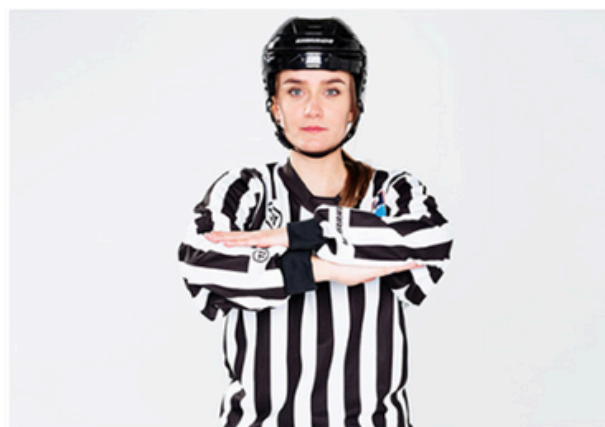
RULE 80 – HIGH-STICKING THE PUCK

Holding both fists clenched, one slightly above the other (as if holding a stick) at the height of the forehead.



RULE 81 – ICING SIGNALLED

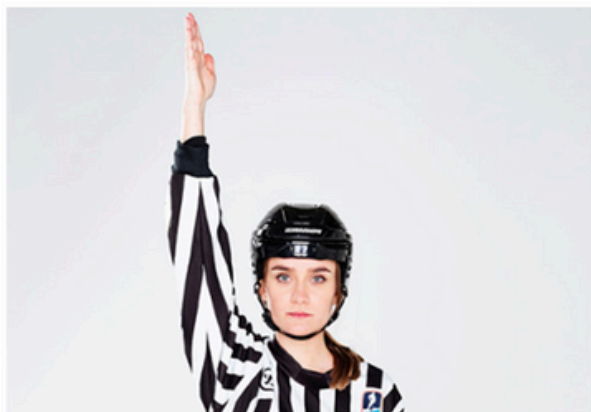
The back Linesperson signals a possible icing by fully extending either arm over their head. The arm should remain raised until the front Linesperson either blows the whistle to indicate an icing or until the icing is washed out.



RULE 81 – ICING CALLED

Once the icing has been completed, the back Linesperson will then point to the appropriate Face-off Spot and skate to it, turning backwards somewhere near the Blue Line and crossing their arms across their chest to indicate icing.

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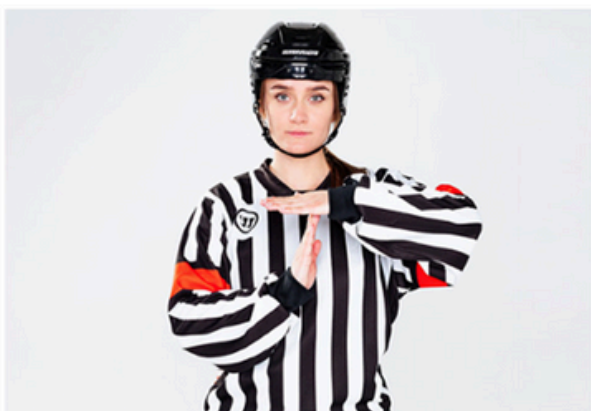
RULE 83 – OFF-SIDE DELAYED

Non-whistle arm fully stretched vertically upwards, with flat hand outstretched. To cancel out a delayed off-side, the linesperson must lower the arm to the side.



RULE 83 – OFF-SIDE CALLED

Stop play by blowing the whistle and then extend the arm horizontally pointing towards the blue line with the non-whistle hand.



RULE 87 – TIME-OUT

Using both hands to form a "T" in front of the chest.



RULE 101.1 – WOMEN'S HOCKEY – ILLEGAL HIT

The palm of the non-whistle hand is brought across the body and placed on the opposite shoulder.



DIFFERENT RULES – WASH-OUT SIGNAL LINESPERSON

A sweeping sideways motion. Extend both arms outward in an outstretched position at shoulder level with palms down. Indicating no off-side, no-icing, etc.



DIFFERENT RULES – WASH-OUT SIGNAL REFEREE

A sweeping sideways motion. Extend both arms outward in an outstretched position at shoulder level with palms down. Indicating no goal, no handpass, no high-sticking the puck, etc.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Finding a structure is how Tom Coolen described it as Flyers pulled out a series of solid performances in their last three games and were unlucky to take just a single point at home against Panthers.

The night before James Spence scored his first goal for Flyers with a cheeky shot on goal that beat the keeper and I'm sure it will be memorable for James for many reasons.

Flyers then are trending in the right direction and will look to continue that way as Clan visit on Saturday with a trip over the Tay to Dundee scheduled for Sunday. Glasgow might be a shade fatigued or even right royally annoyed and up for a fight depending on how well the Clan v Stars Friday night match went. Prior to that game Clan were seven points from their last five game whilst Stars were four points from five games prior to their Wednesday evening game hosting Devils!

If midweek matches also continue on trend then we may see a few rumbles and ejections as the players get a bit rumbunctious at having to play midweek causing them to kick off then continuing into the weekend. Either that or there's something in the water! Manchester v Guildford on the 1st November saw Storm's Tyler Hinam, Joe Morrow along with Flames' Jack Jacome ejected for fighting, Daniel Catenacci was also ejected for slew footing. Sheffield v Manchester on the 2nd November saw Storm's Grant Hebert thrown out on cross checking major whilst Alexis D'Aoust waited long enough for the water to get warm in the showers before getting himself ejected for boarding. That was enough to trigger some Steelers fans to request Storm's removal from the league. Steelers fans were further insulted by Hebert being subsequently fined rather than nailed into a barrel and floated out to sea. Also on the 2nd November Ben Lake discovered his inner superman and attempted to fly. His efforts thwarted by Phelix Martineau and the boards, Lake was ejected and subsequently suspended for a game whilst his team was having an injury crisis. I have to say I'd accept that one game suspension if Lake hadn't left his feet with the sole purpose to propel a player into the board with complete and deliberate disregard for player safety. What a silly laddie and put his team in a hole for the next night where they just scraped by Dundee Stars by one goal to nil.

We're not done yet though.....top prize for being the pantomime donkey goes to Cole Shudra who on Sunday dragged the holier than Santa himself Sheffield Steelers into the realms of should be thrown out the league by cross checking some Devils player half a dozen times whilst tied up against the boards. That was just silliness that warranted his expulsion from the game and subsequent fine but again, as he also unleashed a cross check whilst the Devils player was down on the ice and unable to protect himself that merited a suspension. I don't care about DOPS opinion on this one, in every season for the last however many years a player does that with intent it is a suspension.

It also arguably declares an open season on repeating such behaviour by any player that doesn't feel that they have been deterred by seeing another player only fined by such an action. I get Evan Weninger's stance that this is a contact sport (in defence of his Storm teammates trying to hack and whack their way through the league) but there are rules and there are limits. Or should that be were?

Contentiously stretching the limits of what is reasonable was referee Joe Sewell and there's no getting away from the furore surrounding his actions in the tempestuous game between Storm and Flames on the 1st. With a scrum of players in the crease area the linesmen were in to break up what was no more than a gathering of bodies wagging their testosterone levels at each other. A refusal to disengage brought the referees in to assist and perhaps with just a terrible reaction to it Sewell aims a kick at a player's skates in an attempt to bring the scrum down. Genuinely I've no idea where that thought would come from apart from watching too many Police v criminals takedown clips. If there was ever an official EIHL pantomime that would script a 'you can't do that - oh yes I can - oh no you bloomin cannae' moment round that, or however they would say it in Manchester, just before Cole Shudra appears and whacks someone with his stick, possibly a crocodile and a string of sausages will be in there somewhere too. I'll start writing that up now.

Hopefully this weekend won't see any additional panto auditions but we cannot rule it out. Either way I do hope we all enjoy the weekend and fingers crossed Flyers continue to make those moves in the right direction.

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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.

Having gone to the top of the Heineken Premier League last weekend, Fife Flyers intend to stay there by defeating Nottingham Panthers away from home tomorrow night. Flyers already have a 9-6 victory over the English side under their belts, and despite their recent injury problems, they will be looking for a repeat performance. "It is a nice feeling to be at the top of the league," commented player-coach Ronnie Plumb yesterday. "A lot of our current players have never been in this position because it is a long time since Flyers were last there. People in the area are starting to recognise that the club is doing well, and it gives the local players a bit of prestige." Plumb knows that Nottingham will not make things easy for Flyers tomorrow, especially after defeating Dundee 8-4 at home and winning 7-2 at Southampton in their last two outings. "Nottingham have improved greatly since we played them at Kirkcaldy, but our players now go into matches expecting to win," explained Ronnie Plumb. "We have had to juggle our lines about a bit but the guys we have brought in have responded well" said Plumb. Reflecting on last weekend's two victories Flyers coach commented "We caught Durham cold with two quick goals and never let them get into their stride. Danny Brown was a whirlwind and psychologically it was a good result because Durham could be our opposition in the Bluecol Cup final. "At Whitley on Sunday, we were a little tired after our long trip, but Andrew Donald made some good saves early in the game, and we did not look back after Dave Stoyanovich scored twice towards the end of the period," he added. Flyers complete their Bluecol Cup sectional programme at Dundee on Wednesday when they will be hoping to maintain their 100 per cent record.

STRANDED!

Fife Flyers players and supporters were left stranded in Edinburgh in the early hours of Monday morning after being ordered off their hired coach. Flyers were returning from their match at Whitley when the bus driver apparently took exception to the noise on the coach, and the 50-strong party had to summon a fleet of cars to ferry them back to Kirkcaldy. A spokesman for Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club said this week: "It would appear the driver completely over-reacted. There was no damage done to the bus, and the only problem was one of noise which is quite normal for an ice hockey team." Flyers' player-coach Ronnie Plumb added: "There was a bit of singing, but the incident was blown up out of all proportion."

17/11/1984 Nottingham Panthers v Fife Flyers Premier League

A dramatic equaliser by Gordon Latto 25 seconds from time earned Fife Flyers a point against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday. But it took a last-ditch gamble by player-coach Ronnie Plumb to withdraw netminder Andrew Donald and ice six outfield men to save the match. Panthers took advantage of a poor start by Flyers to score twice in the first six minutes and although the visitors pulled one back Nottingham lead 3-1 at the buzzer. The Kirkcaldy side laid siege on the home net in the second period out-shooting Panthers 22-11 and they fought back to lead for the only time in the match at 4-3 two minutes from the buzzer only to be pegged back in the dying seconds. Flyers again out-shot Panthers 25-5 in the final period but the home side made better use of their opportunities to lead 6-4 before being pulled back to all square. With 11 minutes remaining Nottingham went 7-6 in front and it stayed that way until 25 seconds from time when Latto who had replaced Donald on the ice just seconds earlier fired home to equalise. Flyers scorers were Brown (2), Stoyanovich, Plumb, Kirk, McLellan and Latto.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

21/11/1984 Dundee Rockets v Fife Flyers Autumn Cup

Flyers maintained their 100 per cent Bluecol Cup record with their third win this season over Dundee Rockets on Wednesday night. The match was closely contested until Charlie Kinmond picked up a seven minute penalty early in the third period during which Flyers scored four times. Flyers lead twice in the first period through Stoyanovich and Jimmy Pennycook but a double by Rockets Canadian Roche Bois made it 2-2 at the buzzer. Stoyanovich scored a short-handed goal early in the second period but Roy Halpin and Ronnie Wood put the rockets ahead for the only time in the match. The visitors however fought back to lead 5-4 at the second interval with goals by Brown and Pennycook. Brown and Bois were both on target in the final period before Kinmond's penalty turned the match. Brown and Stoyanovich netted two apiece to stretch the Flyers lead to 10-5 with Brown's first the best goal of the evening – a brilliant solo run. Although Halpin pulled one back for Rockets Dave Stoyanovich completed the scoring to bring up his personal nap hand.

HEINEKEN PREMIER LEAGUE							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Fife Flyers.....	7	5	1	1	60	35	11
Murrayfield	5	5	0	0	61	26	10
Cleveland	8	4	3	1	65	53	9
Durham	5	4	1	0	37	29	8
Dundee.....	7	3	3	1	54	42	7
Streatham	5	3	2	0	32	29	6
Ayr Bruins	7	2	5	0	48	72	4
Nottingham....	6	1	4	1	26	40	3
Whitley Bay.....	7	1	6	0	41	70	2
Southampton	3	0	3	0	9	37	0

BLUECOL CUP SCOTTISH SECTION							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pt
Fife Flyers	8	8	0	0	93	45	16
Dundee.....	8	5	3	0	86	54	10
Murrayfield	8	4	4	0	61	46	8
Ayr	7	2	5	0	45	67	4
Glasgow	7	0	7	0	26	99	0



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Redwings and **Fife Phantoms** travelled to Northern Ireland last weekend to face their counterparts from Belfast Giants.

The Redwings were defeated by Belfast's excellent U12 team, but showed plenty of spirit to get to grips with the challenge they faced. There were plenty of positives to take from the game including the way the players conducted themselves in the face of a tough test. Luke Purves was the MVP. The Phantoms were superb against the Giants' 14 side, producing their best performance of the season. Three U12 players featured and gained some valuable ice time.

Ryan Venters topped the scoring with four goals, while Harry Hudson's hat-trick earned him the MVP prize. The trip was also an opportunity for players, parents and staff to watch Fife Flyers in action against the Giants in the Elite League. Head coach Tom Coolen and Kirkcaldy Kestrels player James Spence generously took time out to meet the players. The game was particularly noteworthy for the Kestrels forward, as he scored his first goal in the EIHL and collected the MVP award. The club's staff were delighted with how the trip went. Being part of a club has its ups and downs, but when everyone comes together in this manner it makes the rough times well worthwhile.

The **Kestrels** are well-placed to make progress in the Scottish Cup after winning the first leg of their quarter-final tie at North Ayrshire Wild on Saturday. The respective netminders had the upper hand during the first half of the contest, but the deadlock was finally broken when Rocco Murray put Wild ahead in the 33rd minute. Scott Jamieson levelled the scoreline four minutes later, and the Kestrels subsequently powered clear of their opponents in the final period. George Pitcaithly and Graeme Chalmers-Allan scored either side of Jamieson's second of the game to secure a 4-1 victory. The two sides will face each other in the second leg at Fife Ice Arena on Sunday (6.30 pm). The winners of the tie will play either Paisley Pirates or Edinburgh Capitals in the semi-final. Dundee Rockets and Aberdeen Lynx meet in the other half of the draw.



TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	9	14	7	0	2	0	30	16	0.78	
Coventry Blaze	8	13	6	0	1	1	34	20	0.81	
Guildford Flames	8	11	5	0	2	1	31	23	0.69	
Sheffield Steelers	6	10	4	1	1	0	28	14	0.83	
Belfast Giants	7	9	4	0	2	1	25	21	0.64	
Nottingham Panthers	8	8	3	1	4	0	23	19	0.5	
Dundee Stars	8	8	2	2	4	0	24	33	0.5	
Manchester Storm	8	6	3	0	5	0	29	35	0.38	
Fife Flyers	9	3	1	0	7	1	22	43	0.17	
Glasgow Clan	9	2	1	0	8	0	16	38	0.11	

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CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Q - Belfast Giants	10	18	7	2	1	0	43	19	0.9	
Y - Glasgow Clan	9	11	5	0	3	1	32	28	0.61	
Dundee Stars	11	9	3	1	6	1	37	39	0.41	
Fife Flyers	10	5	2	0	7	1	22	48	0.25	

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
41	Wed	6-Nov-2024	Dundee Stars	Cardiff Devils	19:30
42	Fri	8-Nov-2024	Cardiff Devils	Guildford Flames	19:30
CC49	Fri	8-Nov-2024	Glasgow Clan	Dundee Stars	19:30
43	Sat	9-Nov-2024	Guildford Flames	Coventry Blaze	18:00
44	Sat	9-Nov-2024	Manchester Storm	Belfast Giants	19:00
45	Sat	9-Nov-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Sheffield Steelers	19:00
46	Sat	9-Nov-2024	Fife Flyers	Glasgow Clan	19:15
47	Sun	10-Nov-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Belfast Giants	16:00
48	Sun	10-Nov-2024	Dundee Stars	Fife Flyers	17:00
49	Sun	10-Nov-2024	Coventry Blaze	Cardiff Devils	17:30

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	Lost	3-5
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15	Lost SO	3-4
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
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Saturday Jan 4th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Saturday Jan 11th	Dundee Stars	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 12th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Jan 18th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Jan 19th	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Friday Jan 24th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Jan 25th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Feb 1st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Feb 2nd	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
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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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