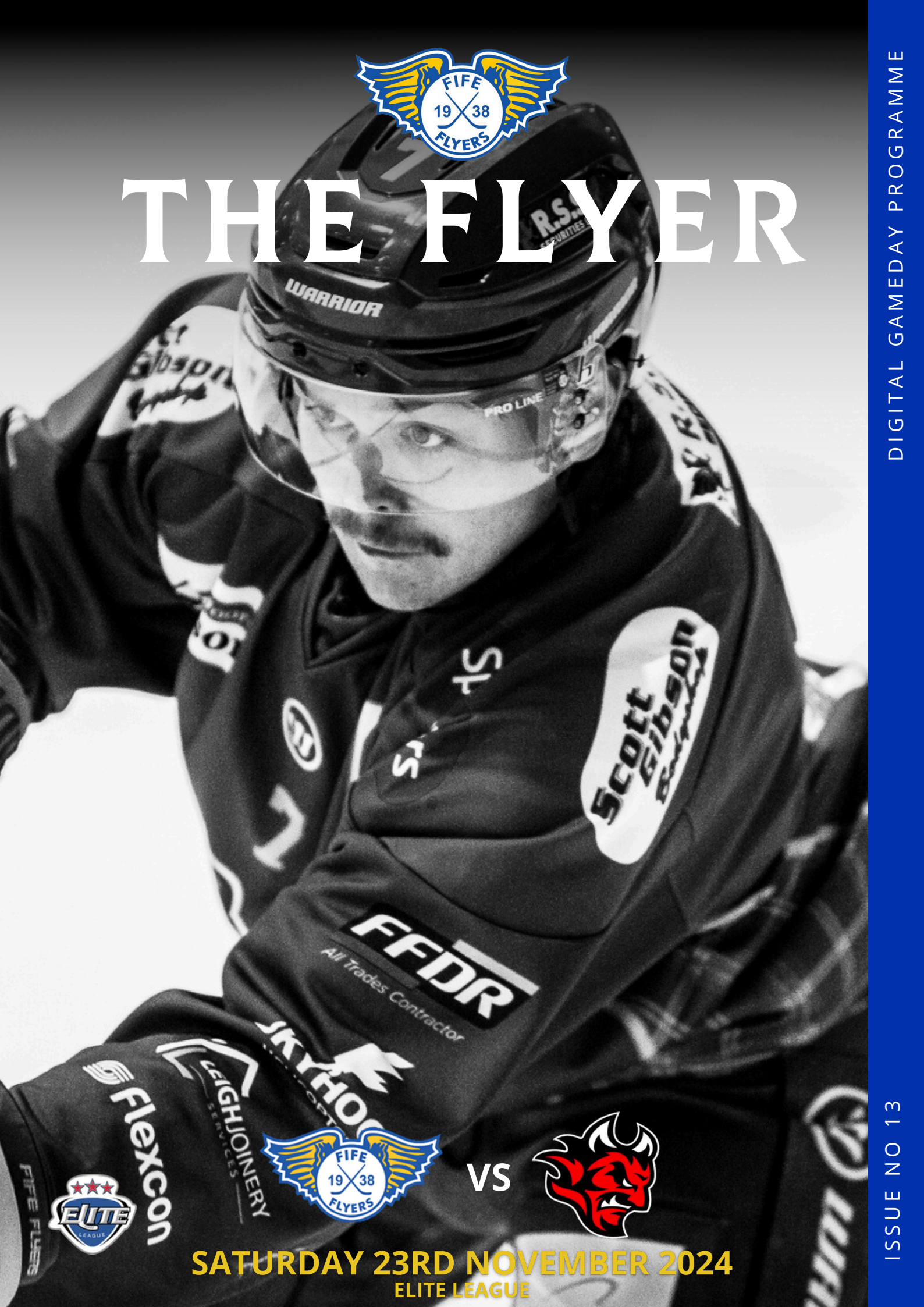




THE FLYER



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SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS





Last Saturday night in Belfast I was pretty proud of our guys effort. It is never easy going into that building and with injuries still having a major impact on our lineup but the guys we did have did a great job. Janis played a heck of a game in net, we got timely goals and had some strong penalty kills and that set us up to get a big goal in overtime. That gave us points in three of our last four points as we try and battle our way out of a hole. To me it really didn't matter that it was a Challenge Cup game and that we were out of that competition because every time we step out on the ice we are just trying to improve step by step. Back home on Sunday night I felt that in the first two periods it was a very competitive game and I was happy with our effort. In a lot of ways we looked like a new team out there in those two periods. I was not too pleased with our start to the third period.

Everything we talked about doing in the room we did not do, we made some bad decisions with the puck, not getting it in deep, we turned the puck over and good teams don't turn the puck over as many times as we did. These are things we have been working on again this week. However all in all it gave me much more optimism about where we are going and reinforces my belief about the team that we are gradually seeing. When I look back over the last few weeks with the points we have taken it is trending in the right direction. There are some factors that can't be overlooked, we had one new player in with the inclusion of Massimo Carozza and we have added another this week with Jordan Stallard joining us. With the additional bodies we are now in a position of being able to play six defencemen for the first time in a while. I should mention that young Aiden Wilson did a really great job over the weekend for us and we hope that we might be able to bring in some further British depth to our roster in the near future. Although we didn't get the win at home I feel that we made some real progress this last weekend and finding a way to win that game in Belfast gave everyone a confidence boost which was visible out on the ice. In my mind we are nearing the point where we should be able to compete with anyone in the league with the roster additions and the team having almost returned to full health we should be able to start to make things happen. We aim to put into practice the things that we have learned in recent weeks and that we can continue to grow this team. This weekend will be another two big match ups against teams that have had strong starts to the seasons. On Saturday we know how good a club Cardiff are as they sit at the top of the standings but once again we will be giving it our all to get a home win for our fans who have been great all through the season. Once that one is done we will then focus on our trip down to Coventry for our first meeting of the season with them.

Away we go.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 16th November 2024			3		4	Challenge Cup	
		Period Scores 2-1, 1-2, 0-0, 0-1					
Lineups	Janis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza ✓
	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	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓	
	Ferguson	Refs	Jensen		Nelson	Lines men	Fuglsang

The Flyers made their second visit in a fortnight to the SSE Arena to play their penultimate Challenge Cup game. There was nothing at stake for the visitors but the Giants were looking for two points that would seal them the top seeded position. Missing from the Giants line up were Joe Cassetti, Mike Lee, Jordan Kawaguchi and Ciaran Long. The Flyers travelled without the injured Austin Farley and Michael Cichy with Shane Owen, Fynn Page and James Spence also not icing. Making his debut for the Flyers was Massimo Carozza with Aiden Wilson also added to the lineup. Danish referee Rene Jensen and linesman Andreas Fuglsang were part of the officiating team.

The Giants opened the scoring in 35 seconds when Mark Coop stepped inside his man and went back hand top corner to beat Voris. The Flyers had an early power play chance when Bobo Carpenter bumped Voris and was called for goalie interference. The Flyers didn't get anything set up in the first minute but they went on a two man advantage when JJ Piccinich was given the gate for a trip. It took the Flyers only 5 seconds to punish the home side as Ryan Foss won the face off and a big blast from Nikolai Shulga was saved by Whistle but the puck fell on the stick of Phélix Martineau who found the net. There was still plenty of time left on the Flyers 5 on 4 but they almost gave up a shorthanded goal when Lucas Chiodo was stripped of the puck by Scott Conway at the Flyers blueline and he went in on goal to try and pick the top corner but Voris stood tall to snag the puck with his glove. The Giants returned to full strength and it was the visitors who had the next chance in the 6th minute when Maxim Musorov took a stretch pass but couldn't beat Whistle. Conway a minute later responded for the Giants as he got a tip in the slot but Voris made the save. Karl Boudris was next to test the Flyers goalie in the 9th minute before Aiden Wilson showed good speed through the neutral zone before he got a shot away that Whistle dealt with comfortably. Elijah Barriga had a big blast from the tops of the circles dealt with by Voris and the visiting netminder was again in action soon after when he made a strong save from a tip close in by Ben Lake. The Giants went on their first power play of the game in the 12th minute when Patrick Kyte was called for a rough and the Giants won possession from the face off before Cooper again found the back of the net with his initial effort saved by Voris who was helpless with the rebound. Giants were on the man advantage again in the 14th minute when Ryan Foss took an interference penalty after a mid-ice collision with Kyle Osterberg. The Flyers penalty kill was strong and they returned to full strength with no shots on Voris. There was a half chance for the Flyers in the 17th minute when Chiodo found Musorov arriving late at the back post but he couldn't find a way past Whistle. Voris continued his strong showing in the period when he made a triple save in the 18th minute when he firstly got a poke check on the puck before saving with his toe and then a pad save to keep the visitors in the game.

PERIOD 2

The first effort on goal in the second period came from Daniel Krenželok who saw his point shot saved by the pad of Whistle. The Flyers then went on another powerplay in the 23rd minute when Jeff Baum was called for a trip. Whistle denied Martineau who tried to jam the puck home between the keepers pad and post before the Flyers almost got caught with a short handed bid as the Giants broke out on an odd man rush. The puck was bobbled by the Giants and the Flyers went the other way with a 3 on 1 break with Chiodo going down the right

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wing before he fired it over to Ryan Foss in the crease who had an easy tap in for the power play marker. In the 25th minute a giveaway by the Flyers in their own zone presented Mack Stewart with an initial chance but Voris shut him down and moments later the Flyers goalie again denied the Belfast youngster. The Giants regained the lead again in the 27th minute when Conway got possession from a face off in the Flyers zone and his cross crease pass found Zak Galambos at the back post who gave Voris little chance. The Giants came close again in the 28th minute when Bo Hanson had an initial shot that was turned away by Voris who then ended up on the ice after a collision around his net and with the puck still alive he made a remarkable save from a Josh Roach shot when he lay prostrate on the ice. Drake Pilon tested Whistle from distance in the 29th minute and a minute later Martineau gained the zone before he cut back inside and found Tyler Heidt with a pass and the blueliner picked the bottom corner on Whistle. Voris came up big again in the 31st minute following another turnover in the Flyers zone as he once again denied Carpenter. The visitors missed a glorious chance in the 32nd minute when Musorov was sprung from the centre line and as he went in on Whistle he shot the puck over the crossbar. In the 33rd minute Kyle Osterberg carried into the Flyers zone and his shot was padded away by Voris who then made a glove save on the rebound. Carpenter was denied once again by Voris in the 34th as the Flyers keeper held his shot. The Flyers were penalised again in the 36th minute when Aiden Wilson was called for cross checking and with the Giants in possession on the delayed call Galambos hit Whistle with the puck who was going to the net and the puck fortunately for the Giants bounced off the indie of their post. The Giants with their man advantage had a number of looks but the Flyers held firm and were able to scramble the puck to safety to keep the game tied at the buzzer.

PERIOD 3

The Giants came out strongly to start the third period and in the opening minute the Flyers escaped a scramble around their net with Voris doing well to get across and get a pad on a shot by Barriga. In the 43rd minute the Giants had a 2 on 1 break and Voris sprawled to make a save on Roach. The Giants missed a huge chance in the 46th minute when Roach was set up in the high slot but he drew his shot wide of the net. The Flyers were back on the power play in the 49th minute when Conway was called for a slash on Patrick Kyte. The Flyers gained control of the puck from the face off and they moved it around well in the Giants zone looking for an opening. Shulga had a one time blast from the right circle that was well saved by Whistle but the momentum was broken when Foss took a slashing penalty as the teams skated 4 on 4. With the Giants returning to full strength it took a great stick in the passing lane by Martineau to break up a power play chance and moments later JJ Piccinich pinged the post as the Flyers completed the kill. In the 53rd minute Osterberg danced his way into the Flyers zone but couldn't get his shot away as he ran out of space. Strong play by Conway in the 57th minute when he gained the Flyers zone ended as Noah Delmas got the gate for a slash and the Giants went on a late power play. Adam Keefe called his timeout to get things set up. Once again the Flyers penalty kill was good and Voris was only troubled by a wrister from up top by Gabe Bast which he held. With 70 seconds remaining the Flyers called their timeout as the game couldn't be decided in regulation time.

Into overtime and the Flyers won the game with the only shot less than a minute in when Delmas lugged the puck down ice into the Giants zone and he slipped a pass through for Chiodo who froze Whistle and slipped the puck into the empty net.

Giants Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Cooper	Mismash	Lake	1	Martineau	Shulga	Delmas	For	
45	Cooper	Barriga	Roach	2	Foss	Martineau	Chiodo	17	
Shots	Galambos	Conway		3	Heidt	Martineau	LeBlanc	Shots	
Against				4	Chiodo	Delmas	Martineau	Against	
17				5				45	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
10				7				8	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Cooper				10				Chiodo	

GIANTS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



BELFAS GIANTS





GETTING TO KNOW #7

Tyler Heidt

Date of Birth – November 7th 1998

Age – 26

*Place of Birth - Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan*

Position – Defence

Shoots – Left

Height – 183cm/6'0"

Weight – 86 kg/190 lbs

*Professional Hockey Career
2022-2024 – Reading Royals (ECHL)*



#7 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

I played box lacrosse until I was 14.

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

My parents. They have given everything to me and have been my biggest support system since I was a kid. Without them, I would not be playing the game of hockey.

Who is the best player you have played with?

Jonathan Kovacevic. He was my defence partner in first year college. A defenseman for the New Jersey Devils.

Who is the best player you have played against?

Cale Makar or Cole Caufield

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

My first time playing against Michigan University in Ann Arbor Arena.

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

Favourite was Ann Arbor Michigan

Least favourite was a cold old rink in La Ronge, Saskatchewan, Canada

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

Goalie can be hit if they leave the crease

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

I don't have a favourite hockey team but currently the Minnesota Wild as my brother tried out for them this summer

Most admired hockey player and why?

Sidney Crosby. I have always loved his work ethic and style of play. He's a true teammate and makes others around him better

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

Enjoy every minute of the game and don't let someone tell you that you are not good enough

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

The strongest part of my game is my skating and ability to create offence. I'm trying to improve my defensive awareness

Pre-game routine?

Sewer ball, lateral stretch and have a few laughs to lighten up the mood

Pre-game meal?

Pasta with chicken and broccoli

Any gameday superstitions?

Same warmup and meal if I can. Pre game nap as well

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

I love to golf

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

NFL and golf

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Tom Brady

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Detroit Lions.

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies 100%

Favourite TV show(s)?

Game of Thrones, Prison Break, Narcos

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

Greek or bbq ribs and fries

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Pepsi

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

Slyvester Stallone, Muhammad Ali, Elvis Presley, Tom Brady

Favourite singer/music/band?

Chris Stapleton, Luke Combs

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Never been but I want to go to Hawaii or Australia

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite was gym, Least favourite was math

What is your go to Karaoke song?

Don't Stop Believin - Journey

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

Guitar/ vocals for Chris Stapleton

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Heidter

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

To be able to fly

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

Knife, Matches, Water





How many languages do you speak?

Just English

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

Business owner (self-employed)

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 17th November 2024			1		4 Elite League	
Period Scores 1-1, 0-1, 0-2						
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓ Massimo Carozza ✓
	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	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓
Rodger		Refs	Halas		Dolan	Lines men Rodger

The Flyers were looking to pick up league points on the back of their Challenge Cup success the night before in Belfast as they hosted the defending Grand Slam Sheffield Steelers who were making their first visit to the Fife Ice Arena. The visitors were without Colton Saucerman, Joel Janatuinen along with their four two way skaters. The Flyers returned Shane Owen as starter and also welcomed back Michael Cichy as Fynn Page, Janis Voris and James Spence were scratched along with the injured Austin Farley.

The Flyers opened the game brightly and the first effort on goal came after 40 seconds when Ryan Foss saw his shot saved by the shoulder of Matt Greenfield. The Flyers threatened again in the 2nd minute after a loose puck behind the net was fed out front and Nikolai Shulga tested Greenfield. The visitors however shocked the home crowd by taking the lead in the 3rd minute when Veeti Vainio had a shot from the slot which pinged the post and the puck fell onto the stick of Mark Simpson who on the turn fired past Owen. A minute later Patrick Watling was called for a high stick to give the Flyers the games first power play opportunity. The Flyers controlled the puck from the face off win and Michael Cichy had the first two effort that were well saved by Greenfield. Flyers continued to possess the puck after further face off wins and they eventually worked the puck down to Ryan Foss who slipped it inside to Cichy and his pass across crease was buried by Lucas Chiodo. The Steelers were on their first power play in the 6th minute when Maxim Musorov was called for tripping but the Flyers penalty kill came up strong preventing the Steelers from registering a single shot on the Fife goal. Greenfield was again in action in the 9th minute when Chiodo set up Phélix Martineau whose shot hit the Steelers stopper on the shoulder. Brodie Kay was next to threaten a minute later as his shot was just wide of target. Sacha Guimond found all sorts of time and space in the 11th minute and his booming slapshot was well saved by Owen. The Steelers had an odd man rush in the 14th minute and Owen again did well to shut down Patrick Watling who shot from the right circles. Chances were coming at both ends as Mitchell Balmas was denied by Owen and then Chiodo on a partial breakaway tested Greenfield with a backhand shot. The Flyers went back on the man advantage in the 18th minute as Daniel Leavens was binned for interference. The Flyers struggled to set up in the Sheffield zone who themselves created a couple of shorthanded chances. Firstly on a 2 on 1 Owen did well to deny Daniel Ciampini with a pad save and he again stopped an odd man rush moments later. As the penalty was ending Daniel Krenželok forced a save from Greenfield which was the final action of the period.

PERIOD 2

The second period started with the visitors controlling most of the play. In the 24th minute Patrick Kyte had a long range shot saved by Greenfield and the Steelers went the other way with Guimond going down the boards and his pass found Cole Shudra who beat Owen. The Flyers responded almost immediately with a great chance from a drop pass but Maxim Musorov fired his shot wide from good position. It was sustained pressure however at this point from the Steelers who cycled the puck well in the Flyers zone and Owen was happy to cover the puck up and get a whistle to allow them to regroup. Steelers were penalised again in the 26th minute when Maxim Golod got the gate

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for a high stick. Chiodo was first to threaten on the Flyers power play as his snap shot was stuck away by Greenfield before the Sheffield keeper produced stop on Martineau. Chiodo again had a chance and eventually Greenfield covered up with Martineau on his doorstep looking for a loose puck. Just as the Steelers completed their kill Krenželok had a shot on the short side that Greenfield saved with a skate as the nets came off their moorings. Kyte got everything on his shot in the 32nd minute from the top of the slot but Greenfield stood tall with a fine glove save. A fine defensive play moments later by Olivier LeBlanc broke up a dangerous Steelers attack and in the 35th minute Tyler Heidt saw his wrister kicked out by Greenfield. Martineau was next to threaten the Steelers goal and Greenfield then saved the shot from the rebound from Chiodo. In the 37th minute the Steelers went back on the power play when Martineau was called for boarding. Kyte made a stellar defensive play with a shot block on a slapshot by Golod. Owen then stopped Robert Dowd's rising shot as the Flyers survived with Martineau returning to the ice and breaking away with the puck but he rushed his shot which sailed over the crossbar.

PERIOD 3

Sheffield started the third with a great deal of pressure around the Flyers net and in the first couple of minutes the home side struggled to get the puck out of their own zone. In the 43rd minute Musorov danced around a Sheffield defender but his back hand shot lacked the power to seriously trouble Greenfield. In the 44th minute a Shudra shot was saved by Owen and Dowd put the rebound wide of target. In the 48th minute Owen made a double save on Dowd who got free in centre ice and was twice denied by the pads of the Fife keeper. The Flyers were once again on the power play in the 49th minute when Leavens was penalised for a trip. During the delayed penalty call Krenželok forced Greenfield to deflect the puck over the glass. The Flyers with the man advantage failed to get anything set up and the Steelers completed a comfortable kill. In the 51st minute a giveaway by the Flyers at their own blueline saw the Steelers break with 4 men against two but Owen made a fine save. Greenfield saved from Martineau in the 52nd minute and 60 seconds later Owen likewise denied Ciampini. Kyte had a big slapshot saved in the 55th minute and Greenfield followed that up with a stop on Martineau. Leavens was stopped by Owen in the 57th minute as the game remained finely poised but with just under two minutes to play the Steelers struck with a killer goal. Golod from the boards put the puck on net and Simpson got a tip that saw the puck slide between the legs of Owen. With 90 seconds to go the Flyers called their time out and with a minute on the clock they pulled Owen for the extra skater. Martineau had a shot saved by Greenfield and the loose puck was gathered by Brandon Whistle who played it up to Simpson and on the back hand he found the empty net to claim his hat trick.

Flyers Stats					Steelers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Chiodo	Foss	Cichy	1	Simpson	Vainio	Guimond	For	
34				2	Shudra	Guimond	Diffley	31	
Shots				3	Simpson	Golod	Watling	Shots	
Against				4	Simpson	Whistle	Diffley	Against	
31				5				34	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
4				7				10	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Chiodo				10				Simpson	

STEELERS 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	20	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	817	0.90	4.25	0	0	1186	84
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yanis Voris	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	144	0.88	5.15	0	0	198	17
Cameron Kenny	G	14	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	23	0	6	6			1	1		0		5	5	6	21
Madi Dikhanbek	D	21	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	35
Tyler Heidt	D	22	2	8	10			2	2		0	2	6	8	20	39
Brodie Kay	D	21	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	14
Daniel Krenželok	D	22	3	3	6	1	3	4			0	2		2	34	85
Patrick Kyte	D	20	0	4	4		1	1			0		3	3	27	30
Olivier LeBlanc	D	17	0	7	7		1	1			0		6	6	8	16
Fynn Page	D	11	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Lucas Chiodo	F	23	9	17	26	4	3	7			0	5	14	19	4	68
Michael Cichy	F	22	10	9	19	2	1	3			0	8	8	16	6	47
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	23	14	11	25	3	4	7			0	11	7	18	14	96
Maxim Musorov	F	22	5	4	9		1	1			0	5	3	8	6	46
Drake Pilon	F	21	1	5	6		1	1			0	1	4	5	43	39
Nikolai Shulga	F	19	2	5	7	1	2	3			0	1	3	4	2	21
James Spence	F	10	1	0	1			0			0	1		1		6
Ryan Foss	F	11	3	4	7	1	3	4			0	2	1	3	8	20
Aiden Wilson	F	3	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	1
Massimo Carozza	F	2	0	0	0			0			0			0		1
Players in BLUE are everresents																
Inc All Competitions														Team	12	
Figures as at 17/11/2024			Totals	55	100	153	13	26	39	0	0	0	42	72	114	222 687
			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 Chiodo		5

WEEK 11 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Belfast Giants 3 Fife Flyers 4 Overtime - Challenge Cup

This was the Flyers second ever win in the Challenge Cup on Belfast ice and was only their 5th win on the road against the Giants in 42 games across all EIHL competitions.

This was game 22 for Flyers of the season which means they have now completed exactly one third of their competitive regular season games.

Phélix Martineau had four points in the game which is a team leading season high.

The 3 shots in the third is the lowest for a period for Flyers this season. 17 shots in total for the game is the lowest total for the Flyers this season.

Phélix Martineau's opening goal after 2:08 is the fastest goal scored by the Flyers this season. Congratulations to Massimo Carozza who made his Flyers debut, the 18th player to do so for the Flyers this season.

Congratulations also to Janis Voris who got his first Flyers win.

This was the 300th win for Flyers in all EIHL competitions.

Lucas Chiodo got his 2nd overtime winner for the Flyers and joins four other players on that number with only Carlo Finucci having more with four.

Mark Cooper with two goals becomes the all-time leading scorer for the Giants against the Flyers with 16 goals overtaking Scott Conway.

Phélix Martineau with 30:49 time on ice set a new season high for a forward in a game, he also has the most TOI for a regulation game.

On Sunday night.....

Fife Flyers 1 Sheffield Steelers 4 – Elite League


The Steelers have now won their last six straight games against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions. Steelers 31 shots on goal are the fewest given up by Flyers this season.

The Flyers were perfect on the penalty kill, the first time in 5 games which is their streak of the season.

It was the first time in 20 games the Flyers have outshot Sheffield with the last game being March 2022,

Mark Simpson became the third Steelers player to record a hat trick against the Flyers.

The Steelers scored their 6th empty net goal of the season which is the most of all teams across all EIHL competitions.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's									
	2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	7	44 Sam Anderson	1	77 James Ions	1	
	3 Tom Pering		20 Pavel Halas	6	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	1	24 Rene Jensen	1	
	9 Joe Sewell	1	23 Andrew Miller		46 Andrew Jarvie	1			
	11 Matt Rose	1	25 Andrew Dalton	3	48 Oliver Truswell				
	14 Chris Wells	3	42 Hollie Neenan		49 Daniel Ferguson	8			
	16 Alan Craig	4	43 Graham Rodger	6	52 Stephen Matthews	1			



WEEKEND PREVIEW



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The teams have already met twice this season with both encounters taking place on Devils ice. Since Flyers last meeting with the Welsh side in mid-October the Devils have maintained their strong start to the league campaign but at this point are on the outside of the Challenge Cup qualification positions. In the two remaining games on that triple header weekend when they last met the Flyers the Devils narrowly lost in Nottingham in the Cup before returning to the Vindico Arena to handily defeat the Dundee Stars 6-1 in the league. The following weekend saw just the one game for Devils who edged past the Manchester Storm by the odd goal in five to pick up another two league points. Their next three games were for Cup points and they started with a 4-2 loss in Sheffield before winning 4-1 against the Guildford Flames the following night. Coventry Blaze visited Cardiff Bay in midweek to round out October and left with the two points in a 5-3 win. November started with a 3-1 defeat in the league on the road to the Panthers but the next night a much needed two Challenge Cup points were garnered with a 5-3 win against the Steelers. A 6-4 midweek win in Dundee followed before a four league points weekend with a 3-1 win against Guildford and a shutout win against the Blaze at the Skydome Arena by a margin of three goals helped the Devils maintain their top of the table standings. Last weekend the Devils were on Continental Cup duty in Slovakia. In their opening game they defeated German side Rittner Baum 5-1 before downing hosts Žilina 4-1 to secure qualification for the Final with a game to spare. That game was against Kazakhstan side HC Arlan who prevailed 6-3 after the game fell apart in the final two minutes with three Devils players getting ejected and Arlan scoring two late powerplay goals.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM DEVILS

Saturday 17th February 2024				4	5	Elite League			
									
Flyers Stats						Devils Stats			
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
Shirley	Pilon	Giles	41		Goal 1	Arniel	Cox	Wilde	52
Humitz	J Eriksson	Chiodo	Shots Against		Goal 2	Alderson	Sanford	Crawford	Shots Against
Pulkkinen	Shirley	Lajeunesse	52		Goal 3	Martin	Batch	Wilde	41
Pilon	Humitz	Pouteau	PIMS		Goal 4	Arniel	Barrow	Ully	PIMS
			12		Goal 5	Sanford			10
					Goal 6				
			Goalie		Goal 7				Goalie
			Owen		Goal 8				Wall
					Goal 9				
					Goal 10				

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST DEVILS

P 30 W 9 L 21 F 76 A 106

Number Crunching

The Devils lead the season series 2-0 and they have outscored the Flyers 10-3.

The Devils have also won on their last two visits to Fife Ice Arena and only lost once in their last six visits.

Coming into the weekend the Devils are riding their season high win streak in EIHL competitions with four consecutive victories.

The Flyers and Devils each have five goals from their respective bluelines in all EIHL competitions this season, only Nottingham have fewer as they have yet to have a defenceman score this term.

The Devils are third in goals scored average across all EIHL competitions this season with 3.7 per game, the Flyers remain bottom scorers with 2.35 goals per game.

The Devils 2.3 goals per game conceded is best of all teams, Flyers have most at 4.7 per game.

The second period for both the Devils and Flyers has been most productive for goals scored. The third period is the Devils leakiest whilst the Flyers have given up most goals in the second period.



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Despite having played more than a third of their regular season competitive games the Flyers will be meeting the Blaze for the first time this season. Coventry are the final team the Flyers have to meet this term. It has been a solid start for Kevin Moore behind the Blaze bench as they sit in a Challenge Cup qualification place and in 4th spot in the league standings. In the Challenge Cup the Blaze got off to a slow start when they lost their opening four games with road regulation defeats in Nottingham and a 6-0 loss in Guildford but on home ice they picked up points in a shootout loss to the Steelers and an overtime reverse against the Panthers. Since then they have strung together four wins with a 4-3 shootout win in Manchester and a 2-1 home win against the Flames. Two huge road wins 5-3 in Cardiff and a 4-3 overtime decision in Sheffield have them in third position in the standings which is the play in position with a game against the Glasgow Clan. Five straight wins to start their league campaign had the Blaze sitting at the top of the standings thanks to a pair of 4-2 home wins against the Clan and Steelers before picking up road wins with a 6-0 victory over the Clan then a 6-4 success in Belfast before defeating the Storm 6-2 in Altrincham. The Belfast Giants inflicted Coventry's first league reverse with a 5-2 win at the Skydome and then a point was taken on Tayside as the Stars won 4-3 in overtime. Glasgow were defeated in the Midlands before the last two games which Blaze dropped in Guildford and at home to the Cardiff Devils.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO BLAZE

Sunday 14th January 2024			5	4		Elite League	
Blaze Stats				Flyers Stats			
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Roth	Clements	Luciani	46	Goal 1	J Eriksson	Chiodo	Gilling
Norrish	Dudek	Kirkup	Shots Against	Goal 2	Chiodo	J Eriksson	Pouteau
Dudek	Shearer	McNulty	19	Goal 3	Chiodo	Pavlovs	J Eriksson
Cook	Tallberg	Allen	PIMS	Goal 4	Lajeunesse	Giles	Osterberg
Norrish	Curran	Thompson	4	Goal 5			
				Goal 6			
			Goalie	Goal 7			
			Kozun	Goal 8			
				Goal 9			
				Goal 10			
							Goalie
							Lindskoug

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST BLAZE

P 29 W 9 L 20 F 73 A 119

Number Crunching

The Flyers have taken five of six points on their last three visits to the Skydome and last season took 9 of 12 points on offer against the Blaze.

The Blaze have had a 6 game winning streak this season which is tied highest along with Sheffield and Belfast.

Only Sheffield have scored more empty net goals than Coventry who have 5 and the Blaze are the only team who have yet to concede an empty netter this term.

The first period is the lowest scoring for the Blaze who have scored 50% of their total goals in the third period.

The Flyers and the Blaze have each conceded four shorthanded goals which along with Glasgow is most of all teams this season.

The Blaze have scored six shorties which is most of all teams and the Flyers are the only team yet to score shorthanded.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 11



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

Wednesday 13th November

Glasgow Clan 1 Belfast Giants 3 Challenge Cup

(0-0, 0-2, 1-1) SOG 31-20 PIMs 18-12 Att 3375

Belfast Giants got the win they needed to edge closer to securing the first overall seed in the Challenge Cup with a 3-1 win in Glasgow on Wednesday night. Another win would guarantee the Giants end the group stage as the top seeds, giving them the pick of their Semi-Final opponents, although the result of Sheffield vs. Coventry this weekend could decide it in their favour too. Back at Braehead Arena, in a game of few high points it took 28 minutes to open the scoring - Bobo Carpenter putting the Giants ahead at 27:52 while Mike Pelech sat a Tripping minor. Zak Galambos doubled the visitors' lead five minutes later to have them two ahead through 40 minutes. Matt Stief pulled one back for Clan 6:46 into period three, but a well-taken one-time from Scott Conway off Elijah Barriga's feed saw the Giants take advantage of a Darien Kielb penalty and move 3-1 ahead. A minor each made the closing stages a little stop-start, but the Giants held on for the win and survived some 55 seconds of Clan playing with the extra skater.

Friday 15th November

Manchester Storm 6 Dundee Stars 3 Elite League

(3-1, 2-1, 2-1) SOG 28-24 PIMs 8-8 Att 1937

Manchester Storm got back to winning ways on home with a 6-3 victory over Dundee Stars on Friday night in Altrincham in front of just under 2,000 fans. Just 33 seconds had been played when Joe Morrow one-timed Grant Hebert's pass beyond Richard Sabol to give Storm the lead. Ben O'Connor levelled at 5:59 with a shot in the slot that popped the water bottle, A nice tic-tac-toe play saw Jake Durflinger fire past Sabol to put Storm back ahead with 3:27 left in the opening period. From there, Storm never looked back. Alexis D'Aoust found the back of the net with Storm's second powerplay goal of the night 2:11 into the second, while Hebert neatly took D'Aoust's pass and beat Sabol shorthanded at 38:48 to give the hosts the full set. Ryan Hughes took Hebert's drop pass and set up Durflinger for a back-door tap-in 4:05 into the final period to make it 5-1, and while Keanu Yamamoto and Brett Gravelle both pulled goalies back for the Stars, Craig Martin hit the empty net with 21 seconds to go to round off the win.

Saturday 16th November

Dundee Stars 1 Guildford Flames 3 Elite League

(0-3, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 39-29 PIMs 12-12 Att 1777

Guildford Flames scored three goals in the opening period in Dundee, enough to beat the Stars by 3-1 on Saturday night and condemn the hosts to a zero-point weekend. "We came up here to get two points, we played with five defensemen so we knew we needed to keep it simple. I thought all three periods we kept it simple, kept shots to the outside, executed in the O-zone and played a really good road game," said Flames goalie Jake Kupsy, who was denied a shutout inside the final minute. An early power play opportunity for the visitors allowed Guildford to open the scoring at 06:15. Quick passing by the Flames opened space on the left wing for Daniel Tedesco, who sent a wrist shot past Jarrett Fiske and make it 1-0. Dundee looked to generate some much-needed offense in the Flames' zone, however a takeaway on the blue line by Joshua Waller resulted in a three-on-one opportunity for Guildford. Ethan Strang received the pass, and quickly doubled the lead at 07:41 with a shot that beat the Stars' netminder. Matt Alvaro added to the visitors lead at 17:41, tipping a shot from the point by Mike Crocock past Fiske and sending Guildford into the first intermission with a 3-0 lead. A scoreless second period saw the visitors maintain control throughout, forcing Jarrett Fiske to make some key saves to keep Dundee in the game. The short-benchded Stars team battled hard to get on the scoresheet, however the Flames used their speed to negate any high danger chances getting to Jake Kupsy's net. The American netminder provided solid goaltending when required, sending Guildford into the second intermission up 3-0 after a period that took just 28 minutes to complete. Jonathan McBean beating Jake Kupsy to break his shutout with 59 seconds to play was a brief moment of joy for the 1,777-strong home crowd, but the damage had been done the first and the Flames held on for the win. "I think we're just buying in a little bit more, we're willing to play just that bit harder and that much smarter for the next guy on the bench. We're tightening this up, and we've just got to keep it going," continued Kupsy.



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"I thought I played alright. The guys made it pretty simple for me in front, getting good blocks, making sure they get a good box out so I can see pucks. Anytime you get two points you're pretty excited about it, so it was good."

Glasgow Clan 4 Nottingham Panthers 3 Elite League

(0-1, 2-1, 2-1) SOG 34-31 PIMs 6-11 Att 3549

Glasgow Clan came from two behind and scored four straight goals to take control against Nottingham Panthers, but were left holding on at the end to claim a 4-3 victory at Braehead Arena in front of 3,549 fans. Hunter Vorva made his debut for the Panthers after than injury in pre-season that kept him out for three months. He watched on as his team took an early lead with Hugo Roy firing past Landon Bow at 2:57 after excellent work on the play by Didrik Henbrant. It was a lead that the visitors doubled early in period two. Otto Nieminen firing high past a screened Bow at 24:30 to put the Panthers 2-0 up. Things unraveled for the Panthers in just over a two-minute spell in the latter half of the period. Tic-tac-toe passing from Liam Finlay and Tyson McLellan set up Cole Ullly for a back post tap in to bring Clan back into the game at 31:05. 126 seconds later, while Mitchell Heard was in the box for Cross-Checking, Rylan Schwartz broke free and beat Vorva shorthanded to tie the game in a period where the Panthers saw shots from Roy and Logan Neilson come back off the iron. Clan won the opening faceoff in the third and were ahead just six seconds later - Steven Seigo setting up Ullly for his second of the night to put Clan ahead. Mitchell heart then beat Vorva blocker side at 46:11 to make it 4-2 with the home side's second powerplay goal of the game. Matt Alfaro finished well to bring the score back to 4-3 just under two minutes later to give the sizable Panthers travelling support hope that their own comeback might be on. In the final stages, Vorva was pulled for the extra skater but 57 seconds of 6-on-5 didn't find them an equaliser, and Clan took the league points.

Sheffield Steelers 3 Coventry Blaze 4 Challenge Cup

(2-1, 0-1, 1-1, 0-1) SOG 4-10 PIMs 6-10 Att 7186

Coventry Blaze got a valuable two points in the Challenge Cup to move into third in Group A and keep their hopes of making the next round very much alive. Sheffield start the first period on the front foot with a couple of close chances for Kevin Tansey and then Mark Simpson. Skating 5-on-3, Sacha Guimond put the Steelers ahead with 10:33 played with a blast on a rebound. The Blaze levelled just over three minutes later through an Alessio Luciani tip on a Chase Gresock shot at 13:55 to tie the game. Sheffield went back ahead with the third straight powerplay goal of the game, a Mitchell Balmas came back off the post only for Mikko Juusola to put it home and make it 2-1 with 1:53 left in the period. A fairly uneventful second frame opened with a flurry of chances for the Blaze, but without success. At the other end, Marc-Olivier Vallerand found Robson's crossbar denying him a third for the hosts. A rebound breaking to Zach Heintz at 34:48 saw the Blaze tie the game with another powerplay goal. Coventry should have taken the lead before the buzzer, but Marco De Filippo came out the better on a 2-on-0 rush. Vallerand finished nice passing involving Brandon Whistle and Guimond to make it 3-2 to the Steelers with 5:47 left to play, but Brandon Alderson hit straight back just 68 seconds later to bring the Blaze level for a third time. Neither side found a winner in regulation and overtime followed. The Steelers, aware that Belfast had got a point and thus secured top seeding, opted to go with the empty net in overtime with the result no longer important to them. Kim Tallberg found the empty cage from his own zone 3:18 into OT to give the Blaze a vital win.





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Sunday 17th November

Belfast Giants 5 Glasgow Clan 1 Elite League

(2-0, 1-0, 2-1,) SOG 39-32 PIMs 2-10 Att 5493

Belfast Giants scored in each period to record a 5-1 victory over Glasgow Clan at the SSE Arena on Sunday afternoon. "I thought today, from the drop of the puck, the guys came out and really executed our game plan to a tee," said winning goalie Tom McCollum. "We did a great job on putting a lot of pressure on them in the offensive zone, and in our own end the guys did a great not really giving them a ton of high quality chances, and that's pretty impressive." It was the Giants who opened the scoring as a powerful shot from Grant Mismash was saved by the shoulder of Landon Bow. However, the rebound went in off the head of Karl Boudrais to give the Giants the lead at 6:35. Scott Conway doubled the Giants' lead at 14:44, picking up the puck in the neutral zone and leading his side on a 3-on-0. Conway opted to shoot himself and beat Bow to make it 2-0 with 14:44 played. The Giants further extended their lead at 36:09. The puck was fired to the back post by Bobo Carpenter, and Grant Mismash was there to force it over the line to give the Giants a three-goal cushion. Mike Pelech brought Clan back to within two at 50:43, breaking McCollum's shutout. "We knew it was coming because that's a team that has no quit in them," said McCollum. They're going to compete for the full 60. For me really, it's just taking shot by shot, that's all I really try to worry about." Goals from Carpenter and JJ Piccinich inside the final six minutes saw the hosts comfortably through to a perfect week.

Coventry Blaze 4 Nottingham Panthers 3 Elite League

(3-1, 1-1, 0-1,) SOG 29-38 PIMs 12-8 Att 2187

Coventry Blaze made Danny Stewart's second visit back to the Skydome an unhappy one as they beat his Nottingham Panthers side 4-3 on Sunday night, staying fourth in the table. 2,187 fans saw them to victory at the Skydome. "It's such a cliché, but I think we got back to fundamentals this week," said Michael Regush who scored the home side's third goal on the night. "We had a good week in practice, a total team reset, and we stuck to our game plan." Nick Seitz gave the home side the lead inside three minutes. Having originally passed to Alessio Luciani on a 2-on-1 that was stopped by Ryan Bednard, the puck worked its way back to Seitz to finish backhanded on the spin at 2:23. Matt Alfaro levelled shorthanded at 5:11 at the second attempt after whiffing on his original shot. David Clements' shot from the points beat Bednard glove side to make it 2-1 at 12:30, a goal that the Panthers' goalie would probably have wanted back. An excellent opening period for the hosts was completed by Michael Regush, skating almost coast to coast and shooting through a crowd on players to make it 3-1 at 16:56. "I think, for us, sometimes when we don't get results our fans can see that we've worked very hard. So it's nice when it does come through, but I never question our team's work-rate. When you get two results like this against good teams you can see that the work-rate and execution are going hand in hand" added Regush. Panthers captain Sam Herr pulled his team back to one behind when he finished off an Alfaro pass 2:44 into period two, but the crucial next goal went the way of the Blaze - Brandon Alderson one-timing through Bednard's five-hole at 32:53. Ollie Betteridge made the final moments interesting when he scored at 58:11, but the Panthers were unable to tie the game on 98 seconds with the extra skater and went down to their second 4-3 loss of the weekend. "Our fans are awesome! I can't say enough good things about them, they definitely get the guys into it. In the third, when you're feeling a little tired, the energy was awesome and helped us see it out" concluded Regush.





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Guildford Flames 4 Manchester Storm 1 Elite League

(1-0, 2-1, 1-0,) SOG 27-31 PIMs 8-6 Att 1894

Eamon McAdam allowed just a single to support a pair of Matt Alvaro strikes and a goal each by Ethan Strang and Daniel Catenacci on the way to a 4-1 win over the visiting Manchester Storm. Strang had the only goal of the opening a frame a bit beyond the 5 minute mark. At 32:54 Alvaro extended the lead to a pair. Former Flames forward Ryan Hughes netted at 37:33 to cut their deficit in half, but a Catenacci reply less than a minute later doused the comeback effort and sent Flames to break with a 2 goal advantage. Inside the back half of the 3rd, Alvaro's 2nd of the contest converted a powerplay to nail down the final result. McAdam turned away 30 of 31 shots while opposing Evan Weninger who was 23 of 27. "The 2nd period was a key point where they really had us on the back foot for a lot of it, but Eamon made some crucial saves when we really needed them and we were able to put up a couple of goals even without being the more dominant team in that stretch," explained Paul Dixon.





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

- 23 Massimo Carozza
86 Lucas Chiodo 'A'
78 Michael Cichy 'A'
41 Johnny Curran 'A'
91 Austin Farley
27 Ryan Foss
22 Phélix Martineau
29 Maxim Musorov
77 Drake Pilon 'A'
66 Nikolai Shulga
61 James Spence
43 Jordan Stallard

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

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

Goalies

33 Ben Bowns
Taz Buman
1 Maxim Duve

Defencemen

41 Josh Batch
44 Cody Donaghey
20 Gleason Fournier
60 Jarrod Gourley
2 Andrew MacWilliam 'A'
23 Evan Mosey
17 Mark Richardson 'C'

Forwards

79 Ryan Barrow
25 Riley Brandt
13 Tyler Busch
5 Ben Davies
16 Samuel Duggan 'A'
27 Reid Duke
77 Bayley Harewood
92 Josh MacDonald
88 Joey Martin 'A'
86 Zach O'Brien
21 Kohen Olischefski
11 Brett Perlini
96 Cole Sanford
89 Hunter Shinkaruk
22 Joe Tomalin

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

VISITING THE BARN

As teams make their first visits to the Auld Barn this season we continue to look back at the changes made to their rosters in the close season. The Devils returned the most number of players for the respective 2023/24 rosters and this started with the re-signing of 27 year old Canadian forward **Riley Brandt** on May 2nd. Brandt originally joined the Devils midway through the 2021-22 season. He quickly became a fan favourite with his hard hitting style of play. That season he went on to win the Playoff Championship with the Devils and was one of the first players re-signed for 2022-23. The 2022-23 season was his first full year of professional hockey. He played 66 games that season in all competitions finishing with 5 goals and 7 assists and for the second season in a row was chosen as the team's Fan Favourite as voted by the Devils faithful at the year end Awards. 2023-24 saw Brandt play 69 games in all competitions scoring 9 goals and 7 assists for 16 points, while leading the team in fights. He is as popular with his teammates as he is with the fans, and once again he was chosen as the Fan Favourite at the end of 2023-24. Originally from Trail, BC in Canada, Brandt was playing at Grant MacEwan University before arriving in Cardiff. Bode Wolde was the first departure announced as he joined EC Bad Nauheim. Next to join the Devils was a new but familiar player with non-homegrown defenceman **Gleason Fournier** once again a Devil after joining from Fehérvár AV19. The former EIHL Defenceman of the Year inked a deal to stay in Cardiff for at least the next two years. Fournier originally joined the Devils midway through the 2015-16 season, moving from the Alaska Aces of the ECHL in North America. Over the next 4 seasons as a Devil, he grew into one of the best defencemen in the history of the team. In 2016-17 he scored 13 goals and 33 assists in 69 games, winning the league and the Challenge Cup along the way. The following year, Fournier scored 16 goals and 42 assists in 68 games while the Devils repeated as league champions and added their first playoff title in 19 years. His best season statistically as a Devil came in 2018-19 when he led all EIHL defencemen in goals, assists and points putting up 27 goals and 54 assists for 81 points in 72 games. He was voted onto the EIHL's First All-Star Team and was picked as the EIHL Defenceman of the Year. The Devils also won their second straight Playoff Championship on the game winning goal he scored with an incredible end-to-end rush in the dying minutes of the game. He finished his first stint with the Devils in 2019-20, the season cut short by Covid, playing in 59 games, scoring 15 goals and 41 assists for 56 points. He also was selected onto the EIHL's First All-Star Team for the second season in a row. He left the Devils ahead of the 2020-21 season after finding out that the EIHL would not be playing due to the pandemic, joining HC Bolzano in the IceHL. The following season, he moved to Fehervar AV19 in the same league where he spent the last three seasons. Another new signed followed but once again it was another player fans were familiar. **Brett Perlini** was the first member of Team GB to be confirmed for the Devils as the National Team embarked on their IIHF World Championship campaign. The 33 year old forward joined the Devils from the Saale Bulls Halle in Germany where he scored 25 goals and 35 assists in 43 games last season. Perlini previously played three seasons in the EIHL for the Nottingham Panthers from 2017 to 2020. In his three seasons in Nottingham, he scored 53 goals and 73 assists for 126 points in 160 games. He moved to Italy to play for Val Pusteria for 2020-21 after the Elite League season did not go ahead due to Covid, but he returned to Nottingham late that season to participate in the EIHL Mini Series. He then moved to Ringerike in Norway for 2021-22 then to Herning in Denmark for 2022-23 before making the move to Germany last season. Perlini has been a mainstay with Team GB over the last seven seasons, playing in all six World Championships and both Olympic Qualifiers. He has won Gold twice with Team GB and was named Tournament MVP at the 2018 Div 1A World Championship. Before turning pro, Perlini was a standout for one of the top university programmes in the USA, playing 4 years at Michigan State. Another ex-Devil to return was non-homegrown netminder **Mac Carruth**. The 32 year old American netminder returned to South Wales after two seasons with the Herning Blue Fox in the top Danish league. Carruth led the Devils to a playoff championship at the end of the 2021-22 season after leading the league with a 93.67 save percentage in 41 league games. He was selected as a Second Team All-Star that season, posting 30 wins. A 7th round NHL draft pick by the Chicago Blackhawks, Carruth played 51 games over 4 seasons with their AHL farm team the Rockford Ice Hogs before making the move to Europe to play for Hungarian side Fehervar in the IceHL in 2017-18. A fan favourite from his first weekend in Cardiff when he beat Swiss side Lausanne in the Champions Hockey League, Carruth described signing back in Cardiff as "coming home."

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Josh Waller was announced as departing as he returned to join Guildford Flames before the winningest goaltender in Cardiff Devils history returned for a 9th season. **Ben Bowns** returns for 2024-25 after posting a career best save percentage (92.4%) and a goals against average of 2.59 last season. He also posted 6 shutouts and 31 wins over all competitions. Bowns has backstopped the Devils to six championships since originally joining the club ahead of the 2014-15 season - two league titles, two challenge cups and 2 playoff championships. He left the team after the Covid shortened 2019-20 season then spent two years in mainland Europe, first with Graz of the IceHL and then with HK Dukla Trencin of Slovakia. He returned to Cardiff ahead of the 2022-23 season and has been with the Devils ever since. He holds the franchise record in games played, wins and shutouts over an impressive career that has seen him win the EIHL Netminder of the Year three times in a row and the Best British Player twice. He has been selected to the EIHL First All-Star Team 3 times and the Second All-Star Team once. Bowns has also been a mainstay with the GB National Team, backstopping them to three gold medals over the past few years and playing in the top tier of the World Championships four of the last five years. He beat Austria for Team GB's only win at the World Championships in Prague in the summer. A new face was announced on May 24th as Devils were pleased to confirm the signing of Canadian forward **Zach O'Brien** who played last season for the Newfoundland Growlers of the ECHL. O'Brien scored 21 goals and 39 assists for 60 points in 54 games for the Growlers in 2023-24 after starting the season with Bratislava in Slovakia. The previous season he led the Growlers in scoring with 23 goals and 64 assists in 59 games during the regular season. He added 13 points in 11 playoff games that year and was voted onto the ECHL First All-Star Team after leading the league in assists. In 2018-19 he led the Growlers to the Kelly Cup Championship, picking up the playoff MVP award after leading the team in playoff scoring with 16 goals and 13 assists in 23 games. He also has a Calder Cup Championship to his name, winning the AHL Playoffs with the Manchester Monarchs back in 2015. O'Brien became somewhat of a local legend with the Growlers, hailing from St John's Newfoundland, the same town where the team was based. He played a total of five seasons with his hometown team and was named as a First or Second Team All-Star three times. He also led the Growlers in scoring three of the five years he played there and is the franchise leader in games played, goals, assists and points. The month of May was proving to be busy and before it ended there were another two added to the roster. 28-year-old **Cody Donaghey** who last season in all competitions scored 10 goals and 28 assists for 38 points in 58 games despite missing 10 games due to injury. Donaghey led all Devils' defencemen in total goals and powerplay goals last season. He was a mainstay on the Devils' powerplay that finished 2nd place overall in the Elite League last season. Donaghey originally joined the Devils from Hungarian side Fehervar AV19 of the IceHL where he played alongside fellow Devil Gleason Fournier. Before that, he spent the 2021-22 season with Czech Extraliga side Rytiri Kladno and spent the 2020-21 year in Denmark splitting his time between Odense and Aalborg. Donaghey played 5 seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL) before turning pro in 2017-18. He spent three seasons in the ECHL before making the move to Europe. He is good friends with Zach O'Brien as the two players both hail from St John's Newfoundland. Then on the eve of his testimonial match the Devils confirmed the signing of **Ben Davies** for another year. Davies finished off his tenth season as a Devil last year with 8 goals and 13 assists for 21 points in 65 games played in all competitions. Davies was a mainstay on the Devils penalty killing unit and led the team with 2 shorthanded goals. He was selected to represent GB at the IIHF World Championship in Prague where he played 7 more games for the National Team. Davies was born and bred in Cardiff and came up through the ranks of the junior ice hockey system in Cardiff, eventually making his debut with the Devils in the 2007-08 season. He moved away from the Devils in 2014 but returned for the 2021-22 season and went on to win the Playoff Championship at the end of that season. June 11th and Cole Sanford was announced as not returning, or would he ?

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On June 12th **Evan Mosey** was back for a fourth season with the Devils. Last season, the 35-year-old American played 47 league games, scoring 10 goals and 21 assists for 31 points. He finished the season off with Team GB at the World Championships and was picked as one of the Top 3 players of the Tournament for his team after scoring 2 goals and 3 assists in 7 games. Mosey originally played for the Devils for two seasons between 2018 and 2020. He was part of the 2019 Playoff Championship team but missed most of the following season in 2019-20 with injury, although he returned to play 8 games (scoring 3 goals and 4 assists) before the season was cut short due to Covid-19. He moved to Sheffield to ice for the Steelers in 2021-22 and 2022-23 but was targeted by Devils' Coach Pete Russell to make a return to Cardiff ahead of the 2023-24 season. 30-year-old Canadian forward **Josh MacDonald** was next to be added after playing for Krefeld in the German DEL2 last season scoring 16 goals and 16 assists in 36 games. He added 7 points in 7 playoff games (3 goals, 4 assists). Before that, he played two seasons for Devils' Head Coach Pete Russell in Ravensburg (Germany) and together they won the DEL2 Championship in 2023. That season he scored 23 goals and 20 assists in 50 games and another 18 points (7 goals, 11 assists) in the playoffs. Prior to Russell signing him in Germany, he led the Aalborg Pirates in scoring with 26 goals and 31 assists in 44 games playing in the top Danish league. Originally from London, Ontario, MacDonald played 5 years in major junior, first with the Barrie Colts then with the Peterborough Petes of the OHL. **Mark Richardson** returned to the Devils for the 2024-25 season, which will be his 17th year with the club. Last season was his third season as Captain of the Devils. He played 72 games in all competitions and led the team in blocked shots while amassing 14 assists over the course of the season. He also iced in three Olympic Qualifier games for Team GB and another seven games at the IIHF World Championships. Richardson, who first played for the Devils when he was just 19 years old, turn 38 in October, and continues to be one of the top defencemen in the Elite League. He is one of the league leaders in ice time every season and is the Devils top shot blocker, making him invaluable on the penalty kill. Two seasons ago in 2022-23, Richardson played his 1,000th Elite League game, one of only three players in league history to reach this milestone. During his professional career, he has had stints away from the Devils, spending the 2007-08 season with the Nottingham Panthers, then the following season split between the Panthers and the Basingstoke Bison. During his time with Nottingham, his coach Corey Neilson converted him from a slick skating forward into a defenceman, and the rest is history. He started the 2012-13 season in Kazakhstan with Arlan Kokshetau before returning to the Devils after 13 games. Richardson also spent a season away from Cardiff in 2020-21 when the Elite League season was cancelled due to Covid-19. He played in the German DEL2 that season for Bad Nauheim. Another returnee **Sam Duggan** is back for his sixth season as a Cardiff Devil. Duggan originally joined the Devils in November of the 2018-19 season when he was only 20 years old and has been a mainstay with the club ever since. In his five seasons with the Devils, he has played over 300 games in all competitions and has lifted the Playoff Championship trophy twice. He was picked for the National Team after the season and played in all 7 games for Team GB at the World Championships this past May in Prague. Duggan played his youth hockey in Bracknell but moved to Sweden when he was 16 to play for Orebro in the U18 Elite League. He spent four seasons with Orebro, eventually captaining his side for two seasons. He also captained Team GB at the Under 18 and Under 20 level. Duggan was named an assistant captain for the Devils ahead of the 2021-22 season and wore an 'A' again last year.

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June 23rd and Devils confirmed the signing of 26-year-old **Kohen Olischefski**. The Canadian forward played in the top league in Germany (DEL) last season with Dusseldorf. In 52 games, he scored 11 goals and 9 assists for 20 points. Olischefski spent four seasons at the University of Denver, one of the top hockey programmes in the United States before finishing his amateur career at Providence College. He turned pro with the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League (AHL), the top affiliate of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres. He split the 2022-23 season with Rochester in the AHL and the Cincinnati Cyclones of the ECHL where he scored 9 goals and 17 assists in 43 games. Dusseldorf came calling after the season and he made the move to Germany last season. Further extensions followed to complete the month of June. **Ryan Barrow**, the 27-year-old Canadian had 14 goals and 25 assists for 39 points in 60 games last season, his first as a Devil. After five years at the University of Denver, Barrow turned pro with the Manchester Storm ahead of the 2021-22 season. He scored 12 goals and 20 assists in just 30 games before being injured and missing the rest of the season. Barrow is a hard-working forward with a nose for the net. He played most of last season on a line with Jamie Arniel and Cole Ully and was a regular on both the penalty kill and the powerplay. Originally from Banff, Alberta he is a former teammate of owner Steve King's son Carter who played one season with Ryan at Denver where they won an NCAA National Championship together in 2022. Barrow picked up the Scott Matzka Award last season at Devils Annual Awards Ceremony. 6'4" defenceman **Josh Batch** played in 72 of 73 games for the Devils in all competitions last season, scoring 2 goals and 13 assists for 15 points and had a plus/minus of +28 for the year. Under Pete Russell, Batch played some of his best hockey of his career, excelling on the penalty kill and playing big minutes all season long. Batch was selected to represent GB at the IIHF World Championships in May, playing an additional 9 games in total for the National Team, two warmup games and all 7 games at the World Championships. The 2024-25 season will be his 13th with the team, and besides a brief stint with the Manchester Storm in the Elite Series during the Covid shortened 2020-21 season, he has played his entire professional career with the Devils. The first business of July was to announce the departure of Cole Ully before the return of the mercurial **Joey Martin**. Last season, Martin centred the Devils' top line between Cole Sanford and Trevor Cox for a second straight year. He was second on the team in goals with 26 and finished with 44 points in 55 games in all competitions, missing 11 games to injury midway through the season. Martin originally joined the Devils ahead of the 2014-15 season after three years in the ECHL. He led the Devils in scoring that first season and was selected as an EIHL First Team All-Star. Over the next five seasons, he racked up as many individual awards as the team did championships, winning three consecutive EIHL Forward of the Year awards and back to back Player of the Year awards. He was also voted onto the league's First Team All-Star in his first five seasons as a Devil. He lifted the Challenge Cup in 2015 and 2017, the Elite League Title in 2017 and 2018 then back to back Playoff Championships in 2018 and 2019. After Covid-19 cut the 2019-20 season short, Martin opted to play in Norway for the Stavanger Oilers for the 2020-21 season when the EIHL was still shut down. He moved to Austria the following year to play for the Graz 99ers but opted to return to Cardiff ahead of the 2022-23 season instead of renewing his contract in Graz. His first year back in Cardiff after Covid was an impressive one. He finished in the top 10 in league scoring with 22 goals and 34 assists for 56 points in 53 games while playing on the top line with Sanford and Cox. Considered by many to be the greatest Cardiff Devil in franchise history, he continues to be one of the best players in the EIHL. He turned 36 years old in the summer but has showed no signs of slowing down. He remains one of the team's top penalty killers and tied for the team lead with 7 powerplay goals. He set an all new, all-time Elite League record on 30th October with an assist on the Devils' third goal in the third period to move onto 597 points in his Elite League career to take sole place of top spot in the league's all-time list for non-homegrown points scorers. The previous record of 596, held by Jeff Legue, had stood since the Canadian ended his career in the league in 2016. Legue played nine seasons for Sheffield Steelers between 2007 and 2016. The Devils also confirmed that Martin would have his Testimonial with the club on Saturday 14th June 2025. Trevor Cox retired as it was also confirmed Canadian forward **Tyler Busch** would return. The 6'3" native of Lloydminster, Alberta scored 16 goals and 15 assists for 31 points last season in 53 games. Busch was required to take on all sorts of roles, playing on every line throughout the season, mostly at centre but some games he played on the wing. Busch played four years of top level University hockey in the USA with Arizona State before turning pro.

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He wore the 'C' for his last two years at ASU. He spent his first year of pro in Sweden with Tranas AIF before returning stateside to play for the Fort Wayne Comets in 2021-22. He moved to the Iowa Heartlanders in 2022-23 scoring 14 goals in 56 games in the ECHL that season. Busch missed 15 games last season with a shoulder injury but returned for the last couple of weeks of the regular season. He led the Devils in the playoffs with 3 goals in 4 games. On July 8th the Devils almost completed their 2024-25 roster by announcing four signings. All four players are new to the Devils and the Elite League and bring with them a mix of offensive talent and defensive responsibility. First up was **Reid Duke** who joined the Devils after a season in Germany with Starbull Rosenheim where he led his team in goals. He finished with 25 goals and 21 assists in 42 games. A high flying offensive player with a great scoring touch, Duke was the first ever player signed by the Las Vegas Golden Knights. Next up was **Jarrold Gourley**, a big strong defender who split last season between the Calgary Wranglers in the AHL and the Rapid City Rush in the ECHL. Gourley attended Calgary Flames development camp last summer before signing with their farm team. He was an ECHL All-Star in 2022-23 in his first full year of pro hockey. **Hunter Shinkaruk** was the third player announced, a former first round NHL draft pick of the Vancouver Canucks. He played 15 games in the NHL, two seasons in the KHL and last season he was in Iserlohn in the German DEL. A player with a nose for the net, his best asset is his silky hands and his playmaking ability. He will be attending Cardiff Met University as well as playing for the Devils. The final signing was defenceman **Andrew MacWilliam** who brings with him a wealth of experience in the top leagues around the world including 12 games in the NHL. He spent last season with Red Bull Munich in the German DEL. MacWilliam is a hard-hitting defensive defenceman who is a natural leader. A former captain at University of North Dakota, he will be joining Shinkaruk and Cody Donaghey on the MBA programme at Cardiff Met this season. Both Justin Crandall, Chad Pietroniro, Brandon Alderson and Marcus Crawford were therefore confirmed as departees. On July 12th **Matt Myers** was announced as returning to the Cardiff Devils, but this time he will be behind the bench as an assistant coach. The GB and Devils legend has retired from playing and is starting out his coaching career with his hometown team. Myers played over 1,100 Elite League games in all competitions over an 18 year career that saw him win a total of 17 major titles - 7 Challenge Cups, 7 Playoff Championships and 3 League Titles. He also played over 100 games for the GB Men's National Team winning Gold three times. He split his Elite League career between his hometown Devils and the Nottingham Panthers before finishing his professional career with Morzine in France last season. He worked with the Team GB coaching staff this past April before the team travelled to Prague for the IIHF World Championships. **Bayley Harewood** will continue on a two-way agreement with the Devils this season. Last year, he played in the NIHL with the Bristol Pitbulls, leading the team in scoring with 17 goals and 38 assists for 55 points in 50 games. At 21 years old, Harewood is one of the top young prospects playing in the NIHL right now. Last season he played for the Devils throughout the month of pre-season games. He was called up for 3 games in the Challenge Cup and 1 League game throughout 2023-24. Harewood played his youth hockey for the Junior Devils before making the move to Canada to continue his development. He returned to the UK and played the 2019-20 season in Basingstoke with the Bison. He started the 2021-22 season with the Bees IHC before moving to Telford mid-season. He went on to win the League Championship with Telford and stayed with the Tigers to start the 2022-23 season. He made the move to Bristol during the 2022-23 season after 19 games in Telford. Between Telford and Bristol that season he played 48 games, scoring 19 goals and 31 assists for 50 points. Harewood is looking to have another big year with Bristol and has his sights set on playing for the Devils, but right now his plan is to work hard and continue to improve with the Pitbulls. Since the season started the Devils have made a further two additions. Remember the departure of **Cole Sanford**? Well, fan favourite Sanford returned to the Devils after starting the season in Germany's DEL2 with ESV Kaufbeuren. Last season, Sanford led the Devils in scoring with 29 goals and 29 assists for 58 points in 54 league games. He was voted as the Forward of the Year and the Coach's Player of the Year last season. He also was voted onto the EIHL's First All-Star Team last season by the Coaches and General Managers of the teams across the league. In his three seasons with Cardiff, Sanford has played 198 games for the Devils and scored a whopping 107 goals. He has led the Devils in goals the previous two seasons and last year he finished 5th in the league in points and 2nd in goals. He also lifted the 2022 Playoff Championship in his first season as a Devil. At the end of September the Devils added on a short term contract 24 year old Ukrainian born netminder **Maxim Duve** who has spent the last two seasons playing in Latvia with Energija Elektrenai.

LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	22	20	19	24	23	23	23	20	19	19
Challenge Cup Games	12	8	8	12	11	11	10	9	9	10
League Games	10	12	11	12	12	12	13	11	10	9
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 Panthers	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	2-7 v Giants	2-5 v Stars	3-5 v Devils
Longest Win Streak	6	4	6	2	1	4	3	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	2	2	4	6	12	4	4	3	3	2
Current Streak	1 Win	4 Wins	2 Wins	2 Losses	1 Loss	1 Loss	3 Wins	1 Loss	3 Losses	1 Win
Fastest Goal	00:58	00:50	02:23	01:08	02:08	00:08	00:21	00:29	02:12	00:14
Shut Out For	4	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0
Empty Net Goals For	3	3	5	1	0	3	3	2	1	6
Empty Net Goals Against	3	3	0	4	5	7	1	1	2	1
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	77	69	53	55	50	54	53	61	57	63
Powerplay	20	13	17	11	12	14	11	15	17	10
Even Strength	55	54	32	42	38	37	40	44	39	50
Shorthanded	2	2	4	2	0	3	2	2	1	3
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	11	5	8	10	5	7	11	4	0	13
Powerplay	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	4
Even Strength	9	5	5	8	4	2	8	2	0	9
Shorthanded	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	44	44	50	79	94	71	56	71	46	43
Penalty Kill	14	10	14	10	15	22	15	17	9	11
Even Strength	28	33	32	66	77	47	41	51	33	32
Shorthanded	2	1	4	3	2	2	0	3	4	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	8	2	4	10	12	10	6	9	7	6
Penalty Kill	1	2	2	0	3	2	1	2	2	1
Even Strength	7	0	2	10	7	6	5	7	5	4
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	29	16	11	24	17	14	14	24	22	23
Goals Scored Period 2	26	31	19	20	19	21	21	23	19	23
Goals Scored Period 3	31	27	30	21	17	25	29	14	15	30
Goals Scored OT/SO	2	0	2	3	1	1	0	2	3	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	88	74	62	68	54	61	64	63	59	79
Goals Scored Per Game	4.00	3.70	3.26	2.83	2.35	2.65	2.78	3.15	3.11	4.16
Goals Conceded Period 1	15	13	22	24	33	20	22	22	9	17
Goals Conceded Period 2	16	15	12	33	37	19	25	33	26	14
Goals Conceded Period 3	19	17	18	31	35	42	16	28	18	16
Goals Conceded OT/SO	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL Goals Conceded	52	46	55	89	108	82	65	84	54	49
Goals Against Per Game	2.36	2.30	2.89	3.71	4.70	3.57	2.83	4.20	2.84	2.58
Shots For P1	293	214	182	240	250	272	245	187	197	208
Shots For P2	273	270	203	272	230	250	244	202	200	223
Shots For P3	229	210	194	257	201	286	201	202	175	195
Shots For OT	5	0	11	8	6	0	7	4	11	11
TOTAL Shots For	800	694	590	777	687	808	697	595	583	637
Shots for Per Game	36.36	34.70	31.05	32.38	29.87	35.13	30.30	29.75	30.68	33.53
Shots Against P1	188	208	236	264	311	239	219	244	180	183
Shots Against P2	193	204	196	281	338	237	243	254	245	171
Shots Against P3	219	179	211	240	301	225	197	225	196	150
Shots Against OT	9	2	7	10	12	3	2	3	8	12
TOTAL Shots Against	609	593	650	795	962	704	661	726	629	516
Shots Against Per Game	27.68	29.65	34.21	33.13	41.83	30.61	28.74	36.30	33.11	27.16

League & Cup games played as at 18/11/2024

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TWO NUMBER 19'S SMITH AND MORIA

The two players covered in this article predominately wore the number 19 jersey during their Flyers career. Both had a relatively successful time at Flyers and one went on to have a long stint in British hockey, playing for a further eight UK clubs.

Neil Smith joined Flyers for the 1993/94 season and had played his junior hockey in Markham, Newmarket and Aurora, Ontario, before spending four seasons at University of Toronto.



Following his college career he took his first venture abroad as a player and made his pro debut as a Flyer in a B&H Cup tie at home to Whitley Warriors on 11/09/1993, while continuing his studies to become a vet, using the long bus journeys to away games to catch up with his studying.

Flyers were coached that year by Jim Lynch and had a full set of new imports. These were former NHL forwards, Mark Morrison, Doug Smail and defenceman Ryan Kumm as well as Neil Smith. In Warriors' line-up that night was former Flyer Mike Rowe and Flyers of the future Steve Brown. A notable home grown addition to Flyers' squad was Derek King, who had returned home to Kirkcaldy after a short, but very successful spell at Cardiff.

Smith had a quiet start as a Flyer with an assist on Flyers' fourth goal as Warriors handed Flyers a 5-6 defeat. He netted his first Flyers goal in another B&H tie against Sheffield Steelers, Flyers' first of the evening after Steelers had taken an early 2-0 lead en route to a 6-5 win with former Flyer Tim Cranston getting the game winner.

Smith's scoring could well have been considered steady but unspectacular until he scored 5+1 at Peterborough in a 15-7 thrashing of Pirates which took his scoring tally at that stage to 24 points from 15 games. In the final league game of the season he managed a hat-trick in a fairly one-sided contest against Basingstoke Beavers, which Flyers won 14-4.

Flyers qualified for the play offs and were grouped with Sheffield, Murrayfield and Humberside. It was in Flyers' last group game that Neil scored his last Flyers goal, tallying 2+2 on 17/04/94 in a 5-5 draw at Hull. He played his last ever game for Flyers on 23/04/94 at Wembley in the play-off semi-final, 5-9 defeat to Cardiff.

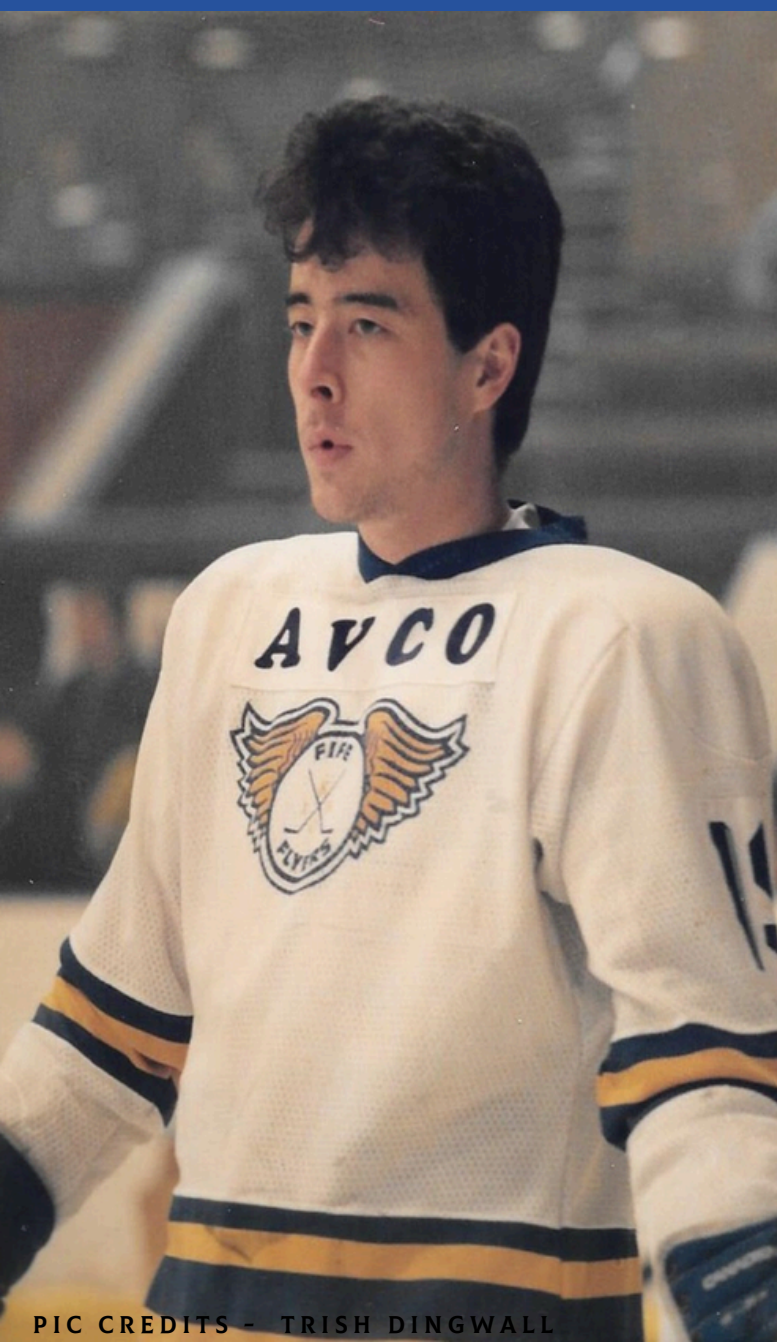
Smith played only one season with Flyers and left to spend three years at Dumfries and a couple at Edinburgh with Royals and Capitals before retiring in 1998/99. I recall him as a hard working forward, who always looked as if he was enjoying his time as a Flyers No. 19.

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The second number 19 is the highly skilled and seemingly ageless Steve Moria, who joined Flyers in early 1987 as a replacement for struggling import Mike Jeffrey. Jeffrey never adequately replaced one of Flyers 1985 Wembley heroes Danny Brown and played his last Flyers game on 27/12/86 against Cleveland Bombers. He scored 4+3 in a 12-2 win, but that was not enough for him to keep his spot on Flyers' roster.

At the time of Moria's signing, Flyers were in a mid-table position, having won only six of the first 14 league games and he made his debut at home on 03/01/87 against Durham Wasps in front of a reported 3600 crowd. Flyers had lost 6-7 at Durham just before Christmas and Wasps sat six points better off than Flyers in the table. Moria's first goal was Flyers' third of the night, early in the second period making the score all square and his second turned out to be the game winner. He added three assists in a 9-5 victory, to give him a fine start in a Flyers jersey. The following evening surely made him doubt that he had made the right decision to sign for Flyers as firstly goalie Craig Dickson was a late call off causing Willie Cottrell to be called in late. The good news however was that the game at Solihull resulted in a 11-8 win for Flyers.



Moria didn't score but recorded seven assists. Then on the way home the team bus ran out of diesel on the M74 with conditions outside poor due to snow. I recall that trip well as the bus got colder and colder waiting for a replacement bus to arrive. He mentioned his first Flyers road trip in a programme interview the next season.

This evidently didn't deter Steve too much as he finished the season as Flyers' second top scorer with 65+113 in just 27 games. Flyers' season ended at the semi-final stage of the play offs at Wembley, losing to Durham. Moria scored points in all 27 of the league and play-off games he played in his first half season and scored in the first ten games of 87/88, before being injured at Nottingham on 07/11/87. He missed five games and returned with a 3+4 haul against Peterborough on 05/12/87.

His next point streak lasted 32 games from 05/12/87 to the Wembley play off final on 24/04/88, when he scored 1+1 in his last Flyers appearance. The next season he headed to Cardiff where he spent ten seasons over two spells and had stops in Blackburn, Nottingham, Swindon, London, Milton Keynes and finally Basingstoke, where he finished his playing career in 2011/12, 25 years after his Flyers debut. In his last season at Basingstoke, he averaged over a point a game in a highly competitive league despite being over 50 years old.

Steve Moria is one of the imports who graced the ice surface at Kirkcaldy and whose high skill level and ability made him a pleasure to watch, both as a Flyer and in opposition.

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RULES CORNER



In part two of the rules around officials we cover Rule 35 to Rule 40.

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

RULE 35 PENALTY TIMEKEEPER

35.1 GENERAL DUTIES

The Penalty Timekeeper shall keep a correct record of all penalties imposed by the On-ice Game Officials, including the names of the Players penalized, the penalties assessed, the duration of each penalty and the time at which each penalty was imposed. This information shall also be recorded by the scorekeeper on the Official Game Sheet. The Penalty Timekeeper shall inform penalized Players and the Penalty Box Attendants as to the correct expiration time of all penalties. In the event of a malfunction of the Penalty Time Clock, the Game Clock shall be utilized to determine the expiration time of each penalty. Otherwise, the Penalty Time Clocks shall be the official timing device for all penalties that require a Team to play with less than five (5) Skaters.

Players shall only be released from the Penalty Box when indicated by the Penalty Time Clock or as otherwise covered in the playing rules. The infraction of the rules for which each penalty has been imposed will be announced over the Public Address System as reported by the Referee. Where Players of both Teams are penalized at the same time, the penalty to the visiting Player will be announced first. In situations where multiple Game Misconduct Penalties have been assessed to any one (1) Player at the same stoppage of play, only one (1) Game Misconduct Penalty should be announced.

Misconduct Penalties and coincident Major Penalties should not be recorded on the timing device (Penalty Time Clock) but such penalized Players should be alerted and released at the first stoppage of play following the expiration of their penalties. When a Player is assessed a Misconduct Penalty in addition to other penalties, the Misconduct Penalty shall only commence after all other penalties have been served (or washed out by the scoring of a goal). If a Player leaves the Penalty Box before the time has expired, the Penalty Timekeeper must note the time and notify the Referees at their first opportunity. It is the responsibility of the Penalty Timekeeper to ensure that penalized Players return to the Penalty Box before the puck is dropped for the start of a new period. In the event a penalized Player is not in the Penalty Box, the Penalty Timekeeper should notify the Referees and prevent the game from resuming until the Player is there.

35.2 EQUIPMENT

Manual stopwatches should be available to determine the correct penalty times in the event the timing system fails.

35.3 GOALKEEPER'S PENALTIES

In the event a Goalkeeper is penalized, this penalty shall be served by another member of their Team who was on the ice when the offense was committed. Communication with the Official Scorekeeper and/or Statistic staff is important at this time as they can inform the Penalty Timekeeper who was actually on the ice to ensure only the proper Players can serve the time.

35.4 PENALTY SHOT

The Penalty Timekeeper shall report on the Penalty Record form each "Penalty Shot" awarded, the name of the Player taking the shot and the result of the shot.

35.5 PENALTY TIME CLOCK

The Penalty Timekeeper shall be responsible for the correct posting of penalties on the scoreboard at all times and shall promptly call to the attention of the Referees any discrepancy between the time recorded on the clock and the official correct time and they shall be responsible for making any adjustments ordered by the Referees. In the event two (2) Players from one (1) Team and one (1) Player from the opposing Team are penalized at the same time, the Penalty Timekeeper shall request through the Referee, which penalty they prefer to have on the timing device.



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35.6 REPORTING

Should a Player be assessed a penalty that results in an “automatic ejection from the game”, this must be communicated to the Referee at the time the penalty is assessed to ensure a Game Misconduct Penalty is assessed. When penalties are assessed in the final minute of a period where tenths of seconds are shown on the clock, the time of the penalty shall be rounded up to the nearest second for the Official Game Sheet.

35.7 STICK MEASUREMENTS

The Penalty Timekeeper shall have an official IIHF “stick-measuring gauge” and tape measure available for the Referees use during the game. They shall also record on the Official Game Sheet the details and the result of any stick measurement performed by the Referees during the game.

35.8 VERIFICATION OF TIME

In the event a goal is awarded by Video Review even though play continued, the Penalty Timekeeper must adjust any existing penalties, according to the situation. The clock must revert to the original time the goal was scored. If a penalty was in the process of being called, it will revert to that time also.

RULE 36 STATISTIC STAFF

More information is contained with the IIHF Technology Codes & Regulations.

RULE 37 VIDEO REVIEW

We covered this rule earlier in the season in Issue 3 of the programme.

RULE 38 COACH'S CHALLENGE

We covered this rule earlier in the season in Issue 4 of the programme.

RULE 39 ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

39.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

A Player, Coach or team personnel shall not challenge or dispute the rulings of an Official before, during or after a game, on or off the ice and any location while in the arena and its connected premises. A Player, Coach or team personnel shall not display “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” including, but not limited to, obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures, comments of a personal nature intended to degrade an Official or persist in disputing a ruling after being told to stop or after being penalized for such behavior. Note: When such conduct is directed at any one other than an official,

39.2 MINOR PENALTY

A Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Abuse of Officials” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

(I) Any Player who challenges or disputes the ruling of an Official. Any identifiable Player who uses obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures directed at any On- or Off-ice official. Note: An additional Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks.

(II) Any Player or Players who bang the Boards or glass with their sticks or other objects at any time, or who, in any manner show disrespect for an Official's decision. If this is done in order to get the attention of the On-ice Officials for a legitimate reason (i.e. serious injury, illness, etc.), then discretion must be exercised by the Referees.

(III) When a Captain, Alternate Captain or any other Player comes off the Players' Bench to question or protest a ruling by an Official on the ice. If a Player bangs the Boards or glass in protest of an Off-ice Official's ruling.

(V) If a penalized Player is assessed an additional “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” penalty either before or after they begin serving their original penalty(ies), the additional Minor Penalty is added to their unexpired time and served consecutively.

(VI) If a penalized Player does not go directly to the Penalty Box or Dressing Room as instructed by an On-ice Official.



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39.3 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Abuse of Officials” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) Any Coach or team personnel who bangs the Boards or glass with a stick or other object at any time, showing disrespect for an Official's decision. If this is done in order to get the attention of the On-ice Officials for a legitimate reason (i.e. serious injury, illness, etc.), then discretion must be exercised by the Referees.
- (II) Any Player, Coach, or team personnel interferes in any manner with any Game Official including the Referees, Linespersons, Game or Penalty Timekeepers or Goal Judges in the performance of their duties.
- (III) Any Player, Coach, or non-playing person misuses technology (tablet, etc.) to challenge a Game Officials decision.

39.4 MISCONDUCT PENALTY

Misconduct Penalties for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Abuse of Officials” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) Any Player who persists in the use of obscene, profane or abusive language towards any On- or Off-ice official for which they have already been assessed a Minor Penalty. Note: A Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks.
- (II) Any Player who intentionally knocks or shoots the puck out of the reach of an Official who is retrieving it.
- (III) Any Player who, after being assessed a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct”, persists in challenging or disputing the ruling of an Official.
- (IV) Any Player or Players who bang the Boards or glass with their sticks or other objects at any time, showing disrespect for an Official's decision, for which they have already been assessed a Minor or Bench Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct”.
- (V) Any Player or Players who, except for the purpose of taking their positions in the Penalty Box, enter or remain in the Referee's Crease while they are reporting to or consulting with any Game Official including the other Referee, the Lines-persons, Game Timekeeper, Penalty Timekeeper, Official Scorekeeper or Public Address System Announcer.
- (VI) A Misconduct Penalty (or Game Misconduct Penalty at the discretion of the Referee) shall be imposed on any Player who deliberately throws any equipment out of the playing area. When this is done in protest of an official's ruling, a Minor Penalty plus a Game Misconduct Penalty shall be assessed.
- (VII) Any Player who, after previously being assessed a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” for banging the Boards or glass in protest of an Off-ice Official's ruling.
- (VIII) In general, participants displaying this type of behavior are assessed a Minor Penalty, then a Misconduct Penalty and then a Game Misconduct Penalty if they persist.

39.5 GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

Game Misconduct Penalties for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct – Abuse of Officials” shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) Any Player who, after being assessed a Misconduct Penalty, persists in challenging or disputing the ruling of an Official.
- (II) When a Coach or non-playing Team Personnel uses obscene, profane or abusive language or gesture directed at any On or Off-ice Official or uses the name of any Official coupled with any vociferous remarks, after already being assessed a Bench Minor Penalty (Rule 39.3 (ii)), this Coach or non-playing Team Personnel is to be assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty and the situation reported to the Proper Authorities for further action. When this type of conduct occurs by any player, coach or non-playing team personnel after the expiration of the game, on or off the ice, the Game Misconduct shall be applied without the necessity of having been assessed a Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” previously in the game.
- (III) Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official, in any manner, where such actions were likely to cause injury to the latter to an Official, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an Official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a Game Misconduct Penalty and the guidelines set out in Rule 40 – Physical Abuse of Officials are to be applied.



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(IV) Any Player who, having entered the Penalty Box, leaves the Penalty Box prior to the expiration of their penalty for the purpose of challenging an Official's ruling, shall be assessed. This rule does not replace any other more severe penalty that may be imposed for leaving the Penalty Box for the purpose of starting or participating in an altercation.

(V) A Minor Penalty for "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" plus a Game Misconduct shall be imposed on a Player who throws their stick or any part thereof, or any other piece of equipment or object

(VI) Any Player, Coach or team personnel who throws or shoots any equipment or other object in the general direction of an Official but does not come close to making any contact. This action may occur on or off the ice.

(VII) In general, participants displaying this type of behavior are assessed a Minor Penalty, then a Misconduct Penalty and then a Game Misconduct Penalty if they persist.

(VIII) Any Player, Coach or team personnel spits, smears blood or directing obscene, profane, or abusive language, use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks at an Official, during or after a game, on or off the ice and any location while in the arena and its connected premises.

39.6 REPORTING

It is the responsibility of all Game Officials send a report to the Proper Authorities setting out the full details concerning the use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks or language by any Player, Coach or team personnel. If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Disciplinary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion.

RULE 40 PHYSICAL ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

40.1 GAME MISCONDUCT

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official, where such actions were likely to cause injury to the latter, physically demeans, or deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an Official during or immediately following an altercation shall receive a Game Misconduct Penalty.

40.2 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY I

Any Player who deliberately strikes an Official and could cause an injury or who deliberately applies physical force in any manner against an Official with intent to injure, or who in any manner attempts to injure an Official. For the purpose of the rule, "could cause an injury" shall mean any physical force which a player knew or should have known could reasonably be expected to cause injury.

40.3 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY II

Any Player who deliberately applies physical force to an Official in any manner (excluding actions as set out in Category I), which physical force is applied without intent to injure, or who spits on an Official.

40.4 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION – CATEGORY III

Any Player who, by their actions, physically demeans an official or physically threatens an official by (but not limited to) throwing a stick or any other piece of equipment or object at or in the general direction of an Official, shooting the puck at or in the general direction of an official, spitting, smearing blood at or in the general direction of an Official, or who deliberately applies physical force to an Official solely for the purpose of getting free of such an official during or immediately following an altercation.

40.5 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION PROCESS

Immediately after the game in which such Game Misconduct Penalty is imposed, the Referees shall, in consultation with the Linespersons, decide the category of the offense. They must make a verbal and/or written report to the Proper Authorities immediately after the respective game. The Player and Team concerned will be notified by IIHF Disciplinary and the respective procedure will be started accordingly.



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40.6 SUPPLEMENTARY DISCIPLINE

In the event that the player has committed more than one offense under this rule, in addition to the penalties imposed under this offense, they case shall be referred to the Proper Authorities for consideration of Supplementary Disciplinary actions.

40.7 COACH OR TEAM PERSONNEL

Any Coach or team personnel who holds or strikes an Official or commits any other infraction set out under 40.1 shall be assessed with a game Misconduct penalty, ordered to the Dressing Room and the matter will be reported to the Proper Authorities for further disciplinary action.

40.8 PROTECTION AND SECURITY

All Championship Organizers shall provide adequate police or other protection for all Players and Officials at all times. The Referee(s) shall report to the Proper Authorities any failure of this protection observed by them or reported to them with particulars of such failure.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Another two challenging games face Flyers this weekend, and I say that as if there is an easy game in the league this season, which there certainly isn't. Flyers come off the back of a confidence boosting win over in Belfast in what was a dead rubber game. That said let's be under no illusion that there is no scenario in any reality where Belfast losing at home to Fife was on the Giants play card. Some used the dead rubber reason to suggest that Giants took the night off whilst the shots on goal, 17 on Giants to 45 on Flyers tells us otherwise with Flyers making good on limited chances and Voris playing a stellar game in nets despite Mark Cooper opening the scoring after 35 seconds.

I was away that weekend, quaffing ale and scoffing food at a family birthday celebration so had to get confirmation that my brain was still working when I read the final score on Saturday night. Just about spilled my Steiner of beer down my lederhosen! That set us up for Sunday and gave us a little bit of hope coming into the rink against Steelers. The final score was as overinflated as Steelers' egos with their third and game killing goal a fluke goal borne off the back of simply throwing the puck on net. The empty net goal was almost an insult to what was a close game. By all means Steelers were worthy of the two points (and a few sixes for some spectacular diving) despite some cynical plays from them during the game. It really does feel that some teams not only get the bounce of the puck but also end up on the right side of some 50/50 calls. That's the breaks and you can only play the time left on the clock as you sure as heck cannot change what has already happened.

This weekend we travel down to Coventry on Sunday to play a resurgent Blaze who are doing exceptionally well and in the mix under Kevin Moore's guidance. Last weekend as Blaze and Steelers met there was a bit of focus on a hit placed on one of the Steelers players that looked similar to a hit that Steelers' Tansey put on Ciaran Long the weekend before. The only issue being that it looked like the Steelers player folded like a wet rag under the lightest of touches whilst Ciaran Long is out for the foreseeable with a concussion. With the clip of Tansey's hit circulating on social media I offered the opinion that it looked like Tansey extended his arm to propel Long into the boards. That led to me being called an idiot, told to grow up alongside being described as melodramatic. I think some folks have a heavy orange tint to their spectacles.

Patrick Watling, champion diver extraordinaire, came a cropper over in Berlin midweek when his textbook move of launching himself through the air if hit by as much as a stiff breeze was wildly miscalculated as he headbutted his own player in the kahunas on the way down, leading I believe to Watling requiring to be assisted off the ice.

Saturday home games feel like a rarity at the moment and it is good to get back to the big Saturday Night out at the Auld Barn where this week we host Cardiff Devils and it was all happening for them in their Continental Cup campaign last weekend with both Ben Bowns and Mac Carruth picking up injuries on the way to Devils playing through to the final in January. Devils despatched Rittner Baum 5-1 and Vici Zilina 4-1 before HC Arlan spoiled their run with a game winner with just over two minutes left in their game which was followed up with three Devils' players ejected and two powerplay goals for Arlan as the clock ran down. Well done to them and good luck in January (because we like them).

We may not like Devils much late Saturday evening as they focus on retaining the early lead in the league campaign dropping only four points in twelve games. I suspect dropping points in Fife will not be on their play card!

I said last time it may take a few weeks to see Flyers fully turned round and not to lose all hope yet and Flyers came out last weekend and showed us they are capable of keeping up with the big boys. Aiden Wilson was a welcome addition to the weekend and looks like a great wee mobile player that can cover the ice quickly and has decent hands. It would be great to see him a bit more often as circumstances allow. Ryan Foss seems to have settled in and hopefully will join Lucas Chiodo, Phelix Martineau and Michael Cichy as an additional points grabber whilst we keenly wait for Massimo Carozza to get settled into the line up too and gauge what he will bring to the team.

A belated happy birthday to Coach Coolen who celebrated his birthday on Wednesday. It would be lovely if the team could get him a few points this weekend as a late birthday present.

Happy hockey weekend to all,

Darrian

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STEELERS MOM
MARK SIMPSON

FLYERS MOM
LUCAS CHIODO



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.

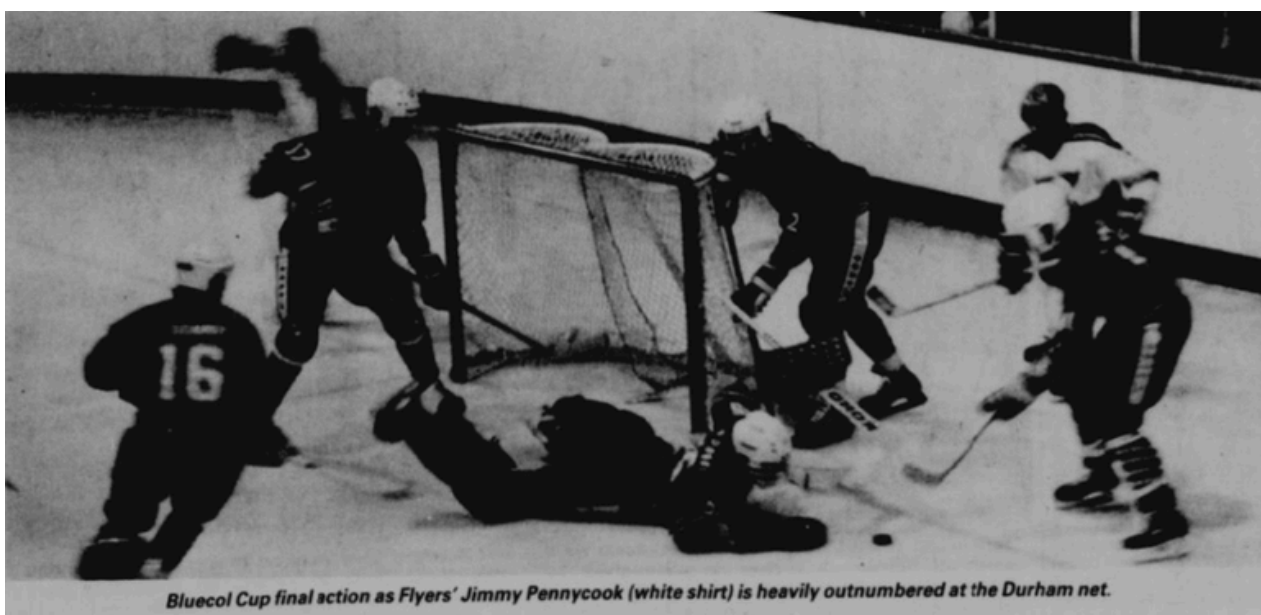
All roads lead to Streatham Ice Rink tomorrow as an estimated army of 500 fans head south of the border confident that Fife Flyers can capture their first major trophy in six years. The Bluecol Cup final against Durham Wasps has caught the imagination of the Fife public who will be making their way to London in a fleet of seven coaches, as well as by car and train. Flyers' allocation of 500 tickets is a complete sell-out, while many other fans are travelling without tickets, hoping to pay at the door. The official Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club party fly from Turnhouse Airport to Gatwick this evening to give themselves the best possible preparation for the match. Flyers have not had their troubles to seek recently with a spate of injuries, and there will be an 11th hour decision on whether skipper Gordon Latto is fit to face Durham. Latto was struck on the ankle by the puck during Saturday's game against Cleveland Bombers, and fortunately X-rays revealed no fracture. The 25-year-old centre has been undergoing physiotherapy every night this week, and it would be a major blow if he failed to make the final. However, Latto is determined to play and not pass up the chance of getting his hands on the silverware. Winger Steven Kirk, who missed both matches at the weekend with a back injury, and top scorer Dave Stoyanovich, who had two stitches inserted in a cut lip sustained against Cleveland, are both definite starters. Not travelling to London is Andy Linton, who returned to Flyers last week after spending three years with Nottingham, but is not fully match fit. The Flyers' camp is cautiously optimistic about the outcome of the final, although everyone is agreed that it will be a very tough match. "Durham is a good ice hockey club and it will be a very tight game," commented player coach Ronnie Plumb yesterday. "We have had the experience of playing against each other twice already this season, and they will be watching Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown especially closely, while we will have to cope with their danger men. "We will be looking to get off to a good start," Plumb went on. "In a situation where anything can happen, the early part of the game will be very important." That view is borne out by looking at the statistics of the two meetings of the teams this season in which home advantage was the decisive factor. At Durham, Wasps took the first period 4-1 and went on to win 9-6, while Flyers led 4-0 at the same stage in Kirkcaldy and ran out 9-2 winners. "I am not going to make any predictions," said Ronnie Plumb, "but we will try to play to the same system which has been successful so far this season." Flyers manager John Haig commented, "We are hoping to bring the trophy back to Kirkcaldy. I think it will be a very close game, and a lot will depend on the standard of refereeing, but I think we have the better players." Most of the current Fife squad have never appeared in a major final, but Haig is confident that they will not 'freeze' tomorrow. "Once the puck is dropped, they will forget about the TV cameras and treat it as simply another game of hockey", he said. While emphasising that reaching the Wembley play-offs in May was still Flyers' main priority, Jack Dryburgh, general manager of Kirkcaldy Ice Rink, added, "It would be a great boost to the club if we could lift the first trophy of the season. "The Bluecol Cup final is a bonus, and the outcome will depend on which team produces the goods on the day." Flyers will be playing in unfamiliar white strips tomorrow, and for the stay-at-home fans, highlights of the match can be seen on ITV's 'World of Sport' between 3 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. — earning Flyers a tidy bonus from their sponsors. The match is poised on a knife-edge, but I believe that Flyers' superior fire-power in the shape of the deadly double act Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown — who have scored 60 Bluecol Cup goals between them — will tip the balance in their favour. Flyers will hope to be able to parade the Bluecol Cup when they meet Blackpool Seagulls in a challenge match at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Sunday Night. The Blackpool side is likely to include six Canadians, and season tickets are valid for the match.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

01/12/1984 Durham Wasps v Fife Flyers Autumn Cup Final Streatham

Fife Flyers first major final for six years turned out to be a huge anti-climax as they failed to live up to the high standards they have set for themselves this season. The Bluecol Cup final at Streatham on Saturday — deservedly won by Durham Wasps — was a bitter let-down to the hundreds of Fifers who travelled to London fully expecting to see Gordon Latto lift the first silverware of the ice hockey year. Yet the biggest disappointment of all was felt by the players themselves who know that they did not do themselves justice, coming off second best on the day — despite winning the first and third periods. The trophy was won and lost in the second period when Durham overturned a one-goal deficit to score four times without reply and leave Flyers with an uphill battle which proved just too much. Although Flyers out-shot their opponents 36-34 and Durham netminder Neil Campbell was voted Man of the Match, it was Durham who made better use of their scoring opportunities. Wasps' Canadians Paul Tilley and Jamie Crapper scored five goals between them, while Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown were unable to make much of an impression in the tight confines of the Streatham rink. Nevertheless, Brown came close to pulling the game out of the fire for Flyers, scoring twice as the Kirkcaldy side mounted a thrilling fightback. Alas, it all came too late, and a couple of penalties in the last six minutes ensured that Durham collected their first ever major trophy. Player-coach Ron Plumb had emphasised the importance of making a good start to the match, but it was Wasps who drew first blood after just 67 seconds when Tilley beat Andrew Donald from close range. The first five minutes were played almost entirely in the Flyers' half, but gradually they came back into the match, and after eight minutes Dougie Latto found the corner of the net with a low shot from wide on the blue line. Both sides had chances to go in front, but just 11 seconds from the buzzer, it was Ron Plumb who fired Flyers ahead with Durham short-handed. The vociferous Fife fans expected their team to consolidate their lead in the second period, but it took Wasps only 42 seconds to get back on level terms when Crapper accepted a simple chance set up by Tilley.

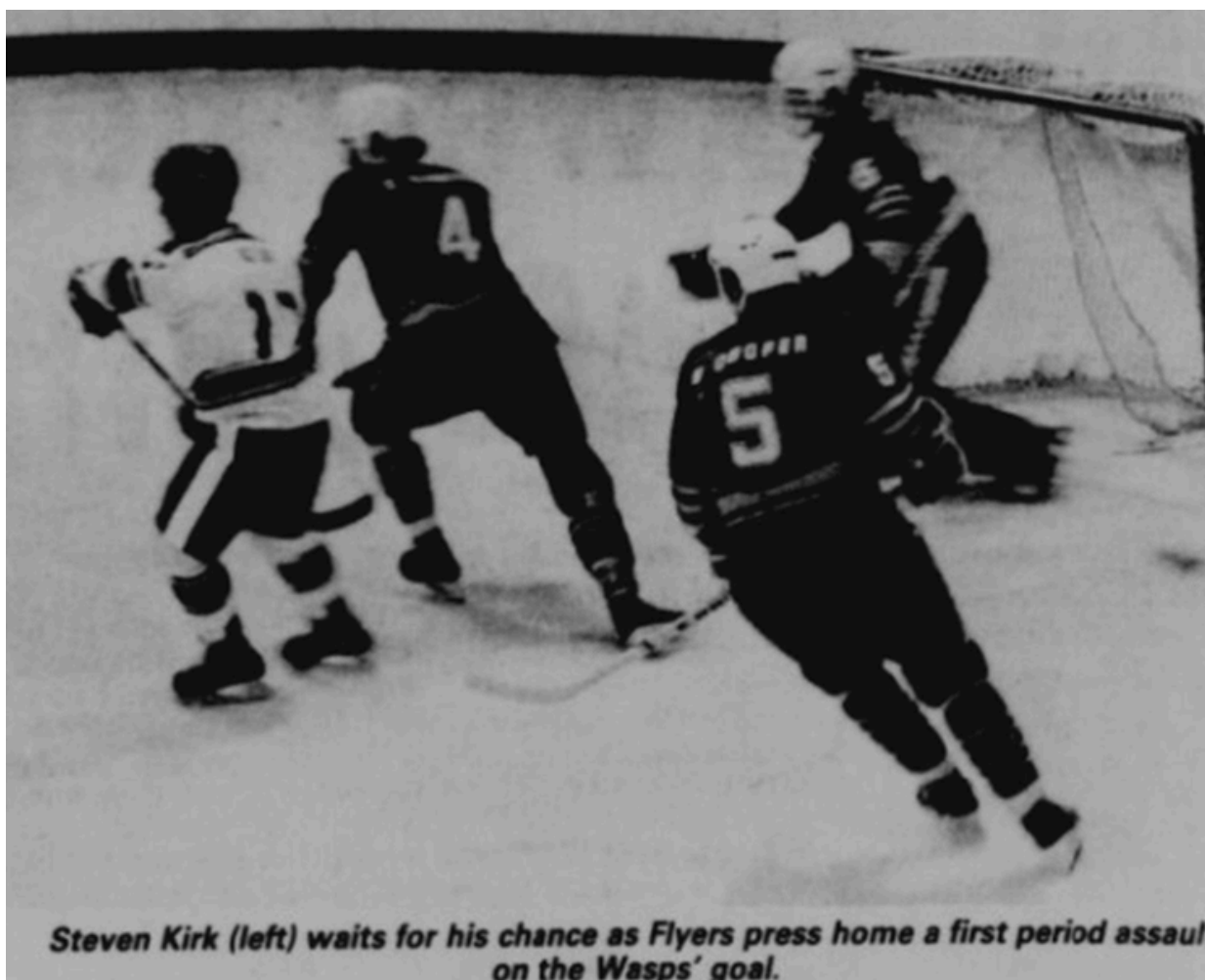


Bluecol Cup final action as Flyers' Jimmy Pennycook (white shirt) is heavily outnumbered at the Durham net.

With less than a minute of the period remaining, Ivor Bennett really put Durham in the driving seat with a tremendous goal to make it 5-2. Flyers badly needed an early goal in the third period, but once again it was Wasps who scored within seconds when Crapper picked up the rebound of his own shot to beat Donald. The Kirkcaldy side needed something special now, but Danny Brown gave them hope when he diverted a Stoyanovich shot into the net seven minutes into the period. Five minutes later, Brown tucked away the rebound of another Stoyanovich effort +0 set the scene for a rousing climax. Gordon Goodsir had desperate luck to strike the post seven minutes from time, but immediately took a penalty to ease the pressure on Durham.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85



And when Dougie Latto also picked up a penalty three minutes later, Wasps were content to simply play out the remainder of the match. The final buzzer signalled tremendous scenes of celebration among the Durham players and fans, with Flyers sportingly congratulating the victors before receiving their runners-up trophies. As Wasps displayed the trophy to their jubilant supporters, Flyers applauded their own fans for their backing, reflecting on what might have been — and already looking forward to Wembley in May.

02/12/1984 Fife Flyers v Blackpool Seagulls Challenge

Bluecol Cup runners-up Fife Flyers were given a standing ovation by a 1600 crowd at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Sunday before going on to an easy win over Blackpool Seagulls. Flyers were clearly much the superior side, going ahead after six minutes when the Blackpool netminder could only half-stop a Ron Plumb shot from outside the blue line, and the Kirkcaldy player-coach followed up to net the rebound. Mid-way through the first period, Flyers took the opportunity to give 15 year-old netminder Scott O'Connor his debut, and although beaten by Shearman within a minute, the youngster went on to give a creditable performance. A double from Danny Brown gave Flyers a 3-1 lead after the first period, and the Canadian completed his hat-trick three minutes after the restart. Lewis and Anthony pulled Seagulls to within a goal, but the goal of the night by Dave Stoyanovich which almost took the net away made it 5-3. Although Anthony again reduced deficit, goals by Stoyanovich and Brown took the score to 7-4 at the buzzer. Both sides netted within two minutes of the restart, Pennycook scoring for Flyers - and McGregor replying, before Danny Brown made it 9-5 with his fifth goal of the night. Anthony scored Seagull's sixth, but two goals by Jimmy Pennycook to complete his hat-trick emphasised Flyers' superiority.



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Phantoms produced a power-packed performance in their home fixture against Murrayfield U14 last weekend. Charlie McLean picked up the MVP award after bagging a double hat-trick and three assists, while numerous other players also weighed in with goals and assists. The team will be eager to keep rolling ahead of a blockbuster clash with title rivals Lanarkshire Lightning in December.

Fife Falcons and **Fife Redwings** were also in action against their counterparts from Solway Sharks in Dumfries. The Falcons shrugged off the 6.00 am meeting time to record an impressive 4-1 victory over the Sharks U19 team. Ross Henderson (2), Caiden Forbes and Joe Somerville got the goals. Netminder Cameron Kenny was the MVP. The result was an excellent one in the context of the league against the strongest team the Falcons have faced this season. The players produced an excellent all-round performance, defending resolutely and attacking with purpose at every opportunity. Fife Redwings narrowly missed out on making it a clean sweep of victories for the junior teams, with the Sharks U12 side netting a late equaliser to secure a 2-2 draw. Kaiden Coles was the MVP after scoring twice.

Kirkcaldy Kestrels maintained their recent run of form with an impressive 5-2 home victory over Edinburgh Capitals on Saturday. The Kestrels have now reeled off five successive victories in all competitions, banishing memories of their inconsistent start to the season. Scott Jamieson edged the home side into the lead in the 16th minute before Jamie Wilson and James Spence extended the advantage in the middle period. Allan Anderson made it 4-0 after 50 minutes, but the Capitals finally got on the scoresheet less than 60 seconds later. The Murrayfield-based outfit kept probing and managed to grab a second goal inside the final two minutes. However, Graeme Chalmers-Allan crowned a fantastic team performance with the Kestrels' fifth goal to round off a memorable evening. The Kestrels are back in action on Saturday at North Ayrshire Wild.



TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	12	20	10	0	2	0	42	21	0.83	=====
Guildford Flames	12	17	8	0	3	1	41	29	0.71	=====
Sheffield Steelers	9	16	7	1	1	0	41	19	0.89	=====
Coventry Blaze	11	15	7	0	3	1	39	28	0.68	=====
Belfast Giants	10	13	6	0	3	1	39	29	0.65	=====
Dundee Stars	12	10	3	2	7	0	37	50	0.42	=====
Nottingham Panthers	11	8	3	1	7	0	31	31	0.36	=====
Manchester Storm	11	8	4	0	7	0	38	49	0.36	=====
Glasgow Clan	12	6	2	1	9	0	26	50	0.25	=====
Fife Flyers	12	4	1	0	9	2	29	57	0.17	=====

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CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Q - Belfast Giants	12	21	8	2	1	1	49	24	0.88	=====
Y - Glasgow Clan	11	13	6	0	4	1	35	32	0.59	=====
Dundee Stars	12	9	3	1	7	1	38	41	0.38	=====
Fife Flyers	11	7	2	1	7	1	26	51	0.32	=====

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
57	Fri	22-Nov-2024	Belfast Giants	Guildford Flames	19:00
58	Fri	22-Nov-2024	Cardiff Devils	Glasgow Clan	19:30
59	Sat	23-Nov-2024	Guildford Flames	Glasgow Clan	18:00
60	Sat	23-Nov-2024	Dundee Stars	Coventry Blaze	19:00
61	Sat	23-Nov-2024	Manchester Storm	Sheffield Steelers	19:00
62	Sat	23-Nov-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Belfast Giants	19:00
63	Sat	23-Nov-2024	Fife Flyers	Cardiff Devils	19:15
64	Sun	24-Nov-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Manchester Storm	16:00
65	Sun	24-Nov-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Dundee Stars	16:00
66	Sun	24-Nov-2024	Coventry Blaze	Fife Flyers	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	Lost OT	4-5
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Won OT	4-3
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15	Lost	1-4
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 14th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 15th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 21st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Dec 22nd	Belfast Giants	League	A	16:00		
Thursday Dec 26th	Dundee Stars	League	H	18:30		

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



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