



THE FLYER



VS



SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS

Glasgow last Saturday I think deserved their win in a game that in the early stages was close again. We didn't get some breaks with the third and fourth Clan goals that went into our net from deflections off of our own players. Our guys stuck with it though and got a goal back and if we score on the penalty shot we are within a shot with plenty of time left in the game. It was our last Challenge Cup game and in some regards a nothing game but they are never nothing games as we try to get better and aim for a level of consistency that will see us going forward start to pick up points. We came into the game on Sunday night against the Steelers desperately wanting to get the win on the board on our home ice. We needed the win and as a group we felt there was a lot on the line with league points at stake. There is a lot of pride in the group and of course we have had an up and down season so far but we wanted to take a step forward and make a statement and I think we did that





Our special teams came up big for us as we were perfect on both the power play and penalty kill, including the big 5 on 3 kill in the third period. We spent some good time in the offensive zone against a very good team who have themselves gone through or are going through a little bit of adversity with injuries and to me it was a good game to watch. We got a little bit of luck with some bounces in this game but for the record that's the first time this entire season that we've had a full roster to pick from for a game with no one scratched due to injury. I was pleased to get a couple of young British players involved over the weekend with Aiden Wilson and Ben Brown and that's a plus for us. In the game Sunday we kinda controlled the minutes that Brodie Kay played, he did well from the shifts that we needed from him and I thought a rested Shane Owen was solid for us in net. All in all I was happy that our efforts were rewarded with the two points.

Looking ahead to this weekend and we start with a road game in Manchester. I think this will be a physical game and it's a hard place to play but our message is simple, we gotta keep doing what we have been doing now for the last little while and aim to get better every day, we know that there is a level that we need to play at to be successful and it's getting that consistency now that will really help us move forward. On Sunday I hope we have a good crowd when we meet Guildford. A lot of noise in the Auld Barn really lifts everyone so it's important that we are all in this together.

Away we go.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 30th November 2024				5		2	Challenge Cup	
Period Scores 2-1, 2-0,1-1								
Line ups	Janis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗	Nikolai Shulga	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✗	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓	Ben Brown	✗
Craig		Refs	Ferguson		Dolan	Lines men	Thorpe	

This was a game that meant nothing in terms of the Challenge Cup standings for either side as the Clan and the Flyers completed their sectional play in this season's competition. The Clan who await the outcome of the third placed team to be determined in the other group were looking to make it back to back home wins on the weekend having taken league points the night before against the Belfast Giants. Missing for the Clan were Steven Seigo who suffered an injury the previous night and they started Lucas Brine in net rather than Landon Bow with recent signing Chris Martenet making his debut. The Flyers started Janis Voris in net with Shane Owen amongst the scratches along with James Spence, Austin Farley, Fynn Page and Ben Brown who was playing with his parent club the Dundee Rockets. Aiden Wilson was drafted onto the bench after permission was given by Romford for him to play this weekend. It was a sluggish start to the game with a lengthy delay just 12 seconds in to allow a repair to the goal net that Voris was protecting. The Fife goalie made the first save of the game after 17 seconds when he held a shot by Chris McKay. The home side did however make the breakthrough with just over a minute played when the Flyers were called for a delayed penalty and Clan skating 6 on 5 got the puck to Mitchell Heard who showed some composure before picking his spot top shelf over the glove of Voris. The Flyers responded in the 3rd minute when Michael Cichy intercepted a pass out of the Clan zone and set up a one timer for Lucas Chiodo who blasted one low from the circles that beat Brine on the glove side. Voris was in action next in the 4th minute when he stopped Reece Kelly who had barreled in from the blueline to get a shot away. A minute later and Voris made another blocker save this time denying Robert Lachowicz who had a clear sight of goal. Clan regained the lead in the 8th minute when Felix Pare got his shot away from the left circle and it crept through Voris beneath his arm on his stick side. Brine came up big in the 11th minute when he stoned Massimo Carozza who got a redirection on the puck close in following an odd man rush but the Glasgow netminder sprawled to get a pad to the puck. The Clan broke 2 on 1 in the 14th minute but Voris was sharp again as he shut down Cole Ullly and moments later the Fife keeper flashed the leather to snag a drive by Tyson McLellan. In the 16th minute Ullly sprung Liam Finlay who skated in on Voris but dragged his shot wide. The final save of the period came from Voris who held a Martenet effort.

PERIOD 2

The second period started with Clan going close after 30 seconds when a deflection in front of the net just went over the crossbar. In the 24th minute Nick Prkusic went in on the Flyers goal but Voris was able to cover up. Moments later Voris did well to hold on to a shot through a screen. In the 25th minute Tyler Heidt was up supporting the breakout and his shot was turned wide by a toe save by Brine.

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The home goalie was in action again in the 27th minute when he just got a piece of a heavy shot by Daniel Krenželok with his blocker. Voris was again unsighted with a shot from the blueline but made the save and he made another solid save as the Clan broke with an odd man rush and got a piece of a shot from Alex Forbes to send the puck over the glass. The home side did however increase their lead in the 31st minute and again with Rylan Schwart going to the edge of the crease he was able to screen Voris and get a tip on a Deven Sideroff shot and the puck found the corner of the net. The Flyers went on their first power play in the 32nd minute when Ullly was called for goalie interference and the visitors best chance came after a flowing three way move with Chiodo doing a fly through the slot but his redirect caught a piece of the post. The Clan completed the kill and were soon a further goal ahead when Simon Després put the puck on net from the point and it hit a Flyers skate out front giving Voris no chance. Clan by this stage of the game were well in control and Voris had to make a number of relatively routine saves the rest of the way as the home side ran up the shot clock numbers.

PERIOD 3

The Flyers had the first chance of the third period when they broke 3 on 2 but Chiodo's pass to Michael Cichy rolled off his stick as he had a clear lane through to Brine. In the 44th minute Ryan Foss outpaced the Clan defence and went in alone on Brine who managed to get a piece of his shot to send the puck high over the glass. Schwartz was once again planted at the top of the Flyers crease in the 46th minute and his tip saw the puck catch the outside of the post. Schwartz and Heard had a 2 on 1 breakaway but Heard couldn't manage to drag the puck around Voris and as the play went the other way Darien Kielb made a great defensive play to deny Drake Pilon who had a breakaway. In the 50th minute Voris blocked shot that he saw late as a Clan player was again in his line of sight. In the 52nd minute the Flyers goalie had to look sharp as he flopped around in his crease to cover up a puck that was again deflected at close range. The Clan were called for too many men in the 55th minute putting the Flyers on their second power play of the night. The Flyers didn't get anything set up until late in their man advantage but once they had the puck settled down it was fed to Tyler Heidt who walked in off the point and his low shot beat Brine on the stick side. The Flyers had a glorious chance to really put the pressure on the home side as Phélix Martineau broke in on Brine and was impeded by Deven Sideroff which the referee deemed to be a penalty shot. Martineau went with a back hand shot that had Brine moving the opposite way but the puck clanged the post as the Clan retained their two goal advantage. With two and a half minutes remaining the Flyers pulled Voris for the extra skater and Brine made a big pad save on Jordan Stallard. Clan had a couple of long range efforts at the empty cage and with 80 seconds remaining the Flyers called their time out. The Flyers won several draws in the Clan zone but their best effort came from a one timer by Heidt that Brine swallowed. The Clan broke out of their zone and won the puck with it eventually being put on the stick of Sideroff to find the empty net from close range with seconds remaining.

Clan Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Heard	Despres	Hazeldine	1	Chiodo	Cichy		For	
34	Pare	Ullly	Despres	2	Heidt	Pilon	Carozza	18	
Shots	Schwartz	Sideroff	McKay	3				Shots	
Against	Despres	Finlay	McClellan	4				Against	
18	Sideroff	Heard	Schwartz	5				34	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
4				7				0	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Després				10				Foss	

CLAN MATCH NIGHT ACTION



SCOTT WIGGINS



GETTING TO KNOW #23

Massimo Carozza

Date of Birth - May 19th 1996

Age - 28

Place of Birth - Montréal, Quebec

Position - Forward

Shoots - Left

Height - 180cm/5'11"

Weight - 86kg/190 lbs

Hockey Career

2013-2017 - Québec Remparts, Cape Breton Screaming Eagles (QMJHL)

2017-2018 Concordia University (USports)

2018-2021 - HC Bolzano, Pustertal/Val Pusteria (AlpsHL)

2021-2022 - Nottingham Panthers (EIHL)

2022-2023 - Bordeaux (Ligue Magnus)

2023-2024 - Cortina (AlpsHL)



#23 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

Growing up I played soccer until I had to decide to either continue soccer or hockey

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

There has been so many people who have been influential on my career so really my whole family who have been my biggest supporters even from a far.

Who is the best player you have played with?

The best player I played with was Anthony Duclair who I played with in Quebec for the Quebec Remparts.

Who is the best player you have played against?

Leon Draisaitl in the Memorial Cup.

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

Most memorable game was in juniors during the finals of the Presidents Cup, game 7, double overtime. Even though we lost it's definitely a game I'll never forget.

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

I love all rinks, i think each rink is unique so there isn't a rink I "least" like.

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

Penalties don't end after a goal.

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

Growing up I was a Philadelphia Flyers fan and since I lived In Montreal I always rooted against them since most of my friends were rooting for the Canadiens.

Most admired hockey player and why?

I'm a big Sidney Crosby fan, just how he approaches the game and how he acts off the ice, he's definitely someone to look up to.

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

To keep on going, don't ever give up on your dreams no matter how big or small they are. Dont let anyone tell you, you can't do it.

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

Strongest part of my game is my skating and playmaking, I'm trying to improve my defensive game without the puck.

Pre-game routine?

I don't really have a pre game routine, but I like to just relax before the game.

Pre-game meal?

Pre game meal is usually pesto pasta, sometimes ill switch it up and do some salmon with rice and vegetables.

Any gameday superstitions?

No game day superstitions.

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Definitely golf, I picked it up during Covid and I can't believe I didn't start playing before!

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

Love watching all sports but love watching American Football, football and Formula One.

Favourite sports team (non-hockey)?

Nottingham Forest.

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

Prison Break.

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

Sushi!

Favourite beverage (non-alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Iced Tea.

Favourite singer/music/band?

Anything rap or country

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Aruba

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite was science and least favourite was math.

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Nickname was always Mass growing up

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

Teleporting in a matter of seconds.





How many languages do you speak?

Three languages - English, French and Italian

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

Firefighter

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 1st December 2024			5		3	Elite League		
Period Scores 1-1, 1-0, 3-2								
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Caiden MacColl	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Ben Brown	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Nikolai Shulga	✗
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✗	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓
Rodger		Refs	Craig		Wilson	Lines men	Rodger	

The Flyers were looking to pick up league points with the second visit of the defending Champion Sheffield Steelers. The visitors who have had some injury issues in recent weeks and on a three game losing skid were without Matt Greenfield, Colton Saucerman, Veeto Vainio and Joel Janatuinen. The Flyers welcomed back Austin Farley who had missed the previous 11 games and they also gave a debut to Ben Brown. Janis Voris, Nikolai Shulga, James Spence and Fynn Page were the other scratches.

Play was pretty even in the opening phase of the game but in the 2nd minute Marc-Olivier Vallerand got a shot away that caught a piece of the pipe. Sheffield had some territorial advantage for the next few shifts and it was the 5th minute before Jere Huhtamaa was tested in the visitors net when he dealt with efforts from Tyler Heidt and Noah Delmas with shots from up on the blueline. Owen made his first big save of the night when he shutdown Robert Dowd in the 6th minute after a giveaway in the Flyers zone. Drake Pilon snapped a puck on goal a minute later and Huhtamaa made the save with his shoulder. The visitors went on the games first power play when Delmas was called for a trip on Maxim Golod. Immediately from the draw the Steelers struck metalwork again as a shot from Mitchell Balmas caught the top of the crossbar. Owen came up with a good blocker save on Golod as the Flyers completed the kill. In the 12th minute Huhtamaa made a fine pad save to deny Jordan Stallard and the Steelers broke the other way and Patrick Watling had the goal at his mercy with Owen scrambling across his crease but his effort clanged the pipe again much to the Sheffield forwards utter disbelief. The opening goal was only delayed a few moments however as Mikko Juusola took a shot and the puck deflected straight into the path of Vallerand who had no problems hitting the wide open net. In the 15th minute Delmas once again tested Huhtamaa from distance and as we were about to enter the final minute of the period the Flyers got the game tied up. Phélix Martineau put the puck on net and Huhtamaa was unable to control the rebound allowing Michael Cichy to pounce and bury the puck.

PERIOD 2

The second period was a minute old when Massimo Carozza who was hobbled in the latter stages of the first period after blocking the puck saw his effort fought off by the Sheffield netminder. In the 24th minute Olivier LeBlanc and Cole Shudra came together after the Sheffield player had initially been called for roughing and the pair went to the box with the extra minor on the visitors putting the Flyers on their first power play. The Flyers controlled the puck well in the Steelers zone as they probed for an opening and Huhtamaa made an initial save from a Lucas Chiodo shot that he couldn't hold and the puck broke to Cichy who popped the water bottle with a wicked wrister to give the Flyers the lead. From the restart the Steelers broke into the Flyers zone and Patrick Kyte was called for a slash as Mitchell Balmas drove the net. The Flyers came up with another strong kill with Owen only called upon once to make a routine save.

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In the 28th minute the Fife goalie made a smart pad save on Brandon Whistle whilst immediately after at the other end Huhtamaa just got a piece of another wicked shot by Cichy with the shaft of his stick. In the 30th minute Daniel Krenželok had a blast on the Steelers goal that Huhtamaa held. Owen stretched a minute later to get a glove to a Balmas shot as the teams traded chances. Owen was in action again in the 34th minute when he went post to post to stop a shot from Vallerand and a minute later he was square to the shooter as Juusola fired one on net.

PERIOD 3

Into the third period and the next goal in the game was going to be crucial. Owen made a huge pad save in the 43rd minute and the Flyers broke the other way with Pilon being denied by Huhtamaa. In the 44th minute the Flyers increased their lead when Stallard and Ryan Foss combined with the latter going to the net and getting a deflection on the puck that went top shelf over Huhtamaa. The Steelers went back on the power play in the 45th minute when Pilon was called for interference. Owen had to look sharp to deal with a slapshot from Golod and with a little under a minute of the kill remaining the Flyers were called again as Martineau took a holding penalty. The Steelers with a 5 on 3 man advantage worked the puck around but Owen had only one shot to deal with from Balmas before they returned to four skaters. The Flyers penalty kill was resolute as they returned to full strength. Krenželok had another heavy shot on net turned away by the pad of Huhtamaa in the 49th minute but the Steelers quickly transitioned and on an odd man rush they executed well with Juusola driving the net and get the pass from Dowd to shovel the puck behind Owen. In the 52nd minute the Steelers goal scorer got the gate for tripping Martineau as the Flyers went back on the power play. The Flyers got their two goal margin back again with a slice of luck as Martineau took the puck to the net and Sheffield attempting to clear the puck saw it bounce off a Steelers skate and trickle back into the net. In the 54th minute Dowd drifted a shot just over the crossbar. Huhtamaa kept his side in the game a minute later when he made a huge save on Pilon and the Steelers were able to scramble the puck away from the front of their net. The Steelers managed to get the puck deep with two minutes on the clock and they pulled Huhtamaa for an extra skater. The pressure around the Flyers net paid off with 51 second left on the clock when Mark Simpson was able to beat Owen. On the restart the Steelers were able to pull their goalie again but with some determined defending the Flyers got the clock down to 8 seconds with a face off in their end at which point the Steelers called their time out. From the draw the puck was scrambled out of the zone and Pilon broke away and iced the game with an empty net goal with one tick remaining.

Flyers Stats					Steelers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Cichy	Martineau	Chiodo	1	Vallerand	Juusola	Diffley	For	
28	Cichy	Foss	Chiodo	2	Juusola	Dowd	Golod	38	
Shots	Foss	Stallard		3	Simpson	Balmas	Vallerand	Shots	
Against	Martineau	Chiodo	Delmas	4				Against	
32	Pilon	Martineau		5				28	
PIMS				6				PIMS	
10				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Cichy				10				Juusola	

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	23	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	958	0.89	4.44	0	0	1365	101
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caiden MacColl	G	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jānis Voris	G	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	178	0.88	4.94	0	0	255	21
Cameron Kenny	G	17	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	27	1	8	9	1	3	4			0		5	5	8	28
Madi Dikhanbek	D	25	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	40
Tyler Heidt	D	26	3	8	11	1	2	3			0	2	6	8	22	47
Brodie Kay	D	25	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	18
Daniel Krenželok	D	26	3	4	7	1	3	4			0	2	1	3	34	94
Patrick Kyte	D	24	0	4	4		1	1			0		3	3	31	34
Olivier LeBlanc	D	21	0	8	8		1	1			0		7	7	12	17
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	27	11	21	32	4	5	9			0	7	16	23	6	73
Michael Cichy	F	26	13	11	24	4	2	6			0	9	9	18	6	57
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	14	3	5	8	1		1			0	2	5	7	8	32
Artur Gatiyatov	F	12	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	0	18
Martin Látal	F	11	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	4	33
Phélix Martineau	F	27	16	14	30	4	5	9			0	12	9	21	16	111
Maxim Musorov	F	22	5	4	9		1	1			0	5	3	8	6	46
Drake Pilon	F	25	2	7	9		2	2			0	2	5	7	49	48
Nikolai Shulga	F	22	2	6	8	1	2	3			0	1	4	5	2	22
James Spence	F	10	1	0	1			0			0	1		1	0	6
Ryan Foss	F	15	4	5	9	1	4	5			0	3	1	4	8	24
Aiden Wilson	F	5	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	2
Massimo Carozza	F	6	1	2	3		1	1			0	1	1	2	0	10
Jordan Stallard	F	4	1	1	2			0			0	1	1	2	0	6
Ben Brown	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0
Players in BLUE are everpresent Inc All Competitions Figures as at 01/12/2024																
Totals			68	120	186	18	35	53	0	0	0	50	83	133	246	788
			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 Martineau	1 - Pilon	6

WEEK 13 - FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Glasgow Clan 5 Fife Flyers 2 - Challenge Cup

The Flyers have now lost their last 4 games against the Clan.

The Flyers were awarded their first penalty shot of the season and the miss means they are now 7 for 16 (43.75 percent) in all EIHL competitions, they are 4 for 6 on the road.

Opponents have a 75 percent success rate from penalty shots with 8 for 12 against the Flyers.

The last time the Flyers were not called for any penalty minutes in a game was last April when consecutive playoff games against the Steelers saw both teams go penalty free in both games.

The Flyers will be glad to see the back of November which was their second poorest return for that month in their EIHL era. The full breakdown each season is as follows:

	November										
	P	W	D	L	OT/SOL	% W	% D	% L	F	A	Diff +/-
2011/12	10	1	0	8	1	10.0	0.0	90.0	20	53	-33
2012/13	8	4	0	4	0	50.0	0.0	50.0	18	20	-2
2013/14	9	2	0	7	0	22.2	0.0	77.8	19	40	-21
2014/15	8	4	0	3	1	50.0	0.0	50.0	32	26	6
2015/16	9	3	0	6	0	33.3	0.0	66.7	20	27	-7
2016/17	7	3	0	4	0	42.9	0.0	57.1	19	21	-2
2017/18	7	4	0	3	0	57.1	0.0	42.9	28	28	0
2018/19	10	3	0	5	2	30.0	0.0	70.0	26	35	-9
2019/20	8	4	0	3	1	50.0	0.0	50.0	24	21	3
2021/22	8	4	0	4	0	50.0	0.0	50.0	20	25	-5
2022/23	9	3	0	5	1	33.3	0.0	66.7	22	25	-3
2023/24	8	4	0	3	1	50.0	0.0	50.0	24	32	-8
2024/25	9	1	0	6	2	11.1	0.0	88.9	25	45	-20
	110.0	40.0	0.0	61.0	9.0	36.4	0.0	63.6	297.0	398.0	-101.0

On Sunday night.....

Fife Flyers 5 Sheffield Steelers 3 - Elite League

Congratulations to Ben Brown who made his Flyers debut and he is the 20th player this season to do so. He becomes the 198th player to play at least 1 game for the Flyers in the EIHL.

Flyers scored two power play goals which ties for their most in a game this season.

It was the third consecutive game that Flyers have scored on the power play which is their best sequence so far this season.

It was the Flyers first empty net goal of the season – the Flyers were the only team on the season without an empty netter.

The Flyers last empty net goal was scored by Kyle Osterberg against Coventry on 1st October 2023 – the only empty netter for the Flyers last season.

The last time the Flyers scored five goals against Sheffield was 20 games ago on 2nd March 2022 in what was also a 5-3 win.

The highest goals tally for the Flyers against Sheffield in all EIHL competitions is 6 when they won 6-3 on 26th Feb 2017.

The Flyers game winning goals have so far all come from different scorers.

There were 77 face offs in the game, the most so far this season and the Flyers were a plus 3 on draws, only the 5th time they have not been a negative in games this season.

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	7	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	1	24 Rene Jensen	1	
9 Joe Sewell	1	23 Andrew Miller		46 Andrew Jarvie	1			
11 Matt Rose	2	25 Andrew Dalton	3	48 Oliver Truswell				
14 Chris Wells	3	42 Hollie Neenan		49 Daniel Ferguson	9			
16 Alan Craig	7	43 Graham Rodger	7	52 Stephen Matthews	2			



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The previous two meetings with the Storm which have both been at Fife Ice Arena came in the opening few weekends of the season with the last being in the first weekend of October. Following this the Storm concluded their Challenge Cup campaign with a home shootout win against the Sheffield Steelers and another two points on the road against the Nottingham Panthers. They finished with two more on the road going down 5-3 in Sheffield which effectively ended their chances of progression in the competition and last weekend they lost 6-4 in Coventry who kept their hopes alive of a play in spot. In league play the Storm had a big 7-3 win at home against Glasgow which preceded a four game losing run as they went down narrowly in a five goal game in Cardiff before losing the next three at home against the Coventry Blaze, Guildford Flames and 7-2 against the Belfast Giants. Dundee Stars were defeated 6-3 in Altrincham to stop the losing streak but the Storm then slumped again in their next four with a 4-1 loss in Guildford followed by another heavy home loss this time to the Sheffield Steelers. Panthers beat Manchester 4-1 in Nottingham before the Storm were shutout on home ice 6-0 by the Cardiff Devils last weekend. It means the Storm have won only one of their last six home games and have been outscored 15-31 during that time. At the stat of the week the Storm announced that they had parted company with Head Coach Mike Flanagan by mutual agreement and ahead of hosting the Flyers this weekend the Storm had a meeting with the Glasgow Clan on Friday night in Braehead..

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO STORM


Saturday

3rd February 2024




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Elite League



Storm Stats				Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Johnson	Morrow	Ehrhardt	39	Goal 1	Osterberg	Pavlovs	Lajeunesse	36
Ulett	Sullivan	Tremblay	Shots Against	Goal 2	Pavlovs	Wehrs	Lajeunesse	Shots Against
Johnson	Martan	Sullivan	36	Goal 3	Eriksson	Chiodo	Humitz	39
Ulett	Martan	Harrison	PiMS	Goal 4	Osterberg	Lajeunesse	Makela	PiMS
Hinam	Critchlow		8	Goal 5				2
				Goal 6				
			Goalie	Goal 7				Goalie
			Weninger	Goal 8				Salama
				Goal 9				
				Goal 10				

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST STORM

P 25 W 9 L 16 F 73 A 92

Number Crunching

The Flyers have lost on their last 4 visits to Altrincham which is their longest winless run on Storm ice in all EIHL competitions.

Flyers last win on the road to Storm was 26th November 2022 when they had goals from Lucas Sandstrom, Jonas Emmerdahl, Zack Phillips, Janne Kivilahti and Janne Laakkonen in a 5-1 win.

Storm's top scorer against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions is Paul Phillips with 8 goals, just one behind are current players Dallas Ehrhardt and Loren Ulett.

Top scorers for Flyers against the Storm are Ryan Dingle and Danick Gauthier who also have 8 goals. Storm come into the weekend on a 5 game losing streak which is their longest of the season.

The Storm have given up an average of 4.5 goals per game with only the Flyers having conceded more at an average of 4.81 per game.

The Storm and Flyers are bottom three for shots on goal across all EIHL games this season with Flyers at 29.19 and Storm 30.67 - they are also the top two teams for shots conceded with 35.88 against Storm and 42.07 against the Flyers.



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It was mid-October that the two teams last met. The Guildford Flames similarly to the Flyers finished bottom of their Challenge Cup group as they became the first team to complete all their fixtures with a 3-1 home loss following their win in Fife against the Sheffield Steelers and a 4-1 reverse the next weekend in Cardiff. In the league the Belfast Giants won 3-1 at the Spectrum before the Flames put together a three game winning sequence defeating the Panthers in Surrey followed by a win in Altrincham, both by 4-2 scorelines. The Glasgow Clan were next to leave the Spectrum without points before Guildford lost 3-1 to the Devils in Wales. Another three game winning stretch saw the Blaze beaten 2-1 on home ice by the Flames with a four point weekend following after a 3-1 road win against the Stars and a 4-1 home win against the Manchester Storm. The Flames were then shutout in Belfast by the Giants before they took both points against the Glasgow Clan at home. Their two outings last weekend saw them drop points to the Coventry Blaze by the odd goal in seven at the Spectrum and the next night they went down 4-1 to the Devils in Cardiff. Ther Flames have had something of an injury crisis in the last couple of weeks and recently added Sam Jones to their roster. The 27 Year-old Great Britain national team Defenceman spent the early part of the current season with Romanian side Corona Brasov. In 20 starts, he had 2 goals and 13 points. The native of Walsall has four seasons of EIHL experience, having iced 166 games while producing 8 goals and 34 assists. The bulk of his time has been with Sheffield Steelers with whom he iced three full seasons not including another in the EIHL Series. Last season at his Yorkshire base, Jones played 52 games in all competitions while helping deliver their League, Cup and Playoff titles. He made his EIHL debut in 2019-2020 with the Flyers. Before making the trip north to meet the Flyers the Flames host the Nottingham Panthers on Saturday night.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM FLAMES

Saturday 19th October 2024				4				7				Elite League			
Flyers Stats				Flames Stats											
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Shots Against
Musorov	Heidt		41		Goal 1	Ferguson		37		Goal 2	Dodero	Waller	Alvaro		
Cichy	Martineau	Chiodo	Shots Against		Goal 3	Catenacci	Crocock	41		Goal 4	Strang				
Cichy	Kyte	Chiodo	37		Goal 5	Norris	Ferguson	PiMS		Goal 6	Catenacci	Hook	Jacome		
Cichy	Martineau	Chiodo	10		Goal 7	Strang	Ferguson	14		Goal 8					
			Goalie		Goal 9			Goalie		Goal 10					
			Voris					Kupsky							

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST FLAMES

P 18 W 8 L 10 F 55 A 57

Number Crunching

The Flames have won both meetings so far this season between the teams.

The Flames remain the only active team to not have a hat trick scorer against the Flyers.

Flames Brett Ferguson requires 1 goal, to tie Ian Watters as their top scorer in EIHL games against the Flyers.

Chase Schaber, Mike Cazzola and Paul Crowder each have six goals against Guildford which leads the Flyers against the Flames in all EIHL competitions.

Michael Cichy has four goals against Flames this term whilst Ethan Strang with three goals is top scorer this term for Flames against the Flyers.

The Flames have the second fewest goals per game average at 2.67 in all EIHL competitions this season. Flyers have fewest at 2.48.

The Flames with an average of 30.63 shots per game have the second fewest across all competitions this season.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 13



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

Wednesday 27th November

Cardiff Devils 6 Sheffield Steelers 3 Elite League

(3-0, 2-0, 1-3) SOG 31-38 PIMs 21-11 Att 3100

Cardiff Devils raced into a six-goal lead against Sheffield Steelers at a sold-out Vindico Arena on Wednesday night, eventually running out 6-3 winners to extend their lead at the top of the Elite League standings. New Steelers goalie Jere Huhtamaa had a baptism of fire on his debut for the Yorkshire side, finding himself picking the puck out of the back of his net three times in the opening 20 minutes. Cardiff controlled the play from the opening faceoff and deservedly took the lead with just over four minutes played - Josh MacDonald firing a shot through the five-hole after Ryan Barrow's initial attempt had been blocked. Not long after, Patrick Watling raced through on the Devils net but saw Ben Bows come up with a clutch double save to keep the hosts ahead. Ben Davies doubled the Devils' lead at 16:02 when he followed up his own shot that Huhtamaa spilled out of his glove. 90 seconds later, Gleason Fournier skated from his own zone and shot through a screen to beat Huhtamaa for a third time in under 18 minutes and put the hosts in control. The second period started just as exciting as the first from a Devils perspective. Reid Duke's perfect pass set up Brett Perlini at the back post on a 2-on-1 rush 2:31 into period two to make it 4-0. Under two minutes later, an Andrew MacWilliam slapshot found the back of the Steelers' net to put the hosts five ahead. Sheffield had the better of the latter half of the second period, with Ivan Bjorkly Nordstrom impressive in the offensive zone but to no avail as the Devils led by five through 40 minutes. The final period saw Cole Sanford find the sixth for the Devils after taking advantage of an out-of-position Huhtamaa. However, Sheffield's continued thread did pay dividends at 48:37 on a broken play where the puck fell to Daniel Ciampini in front to neatly lift the puck over Ben Bowns. Mitchell Balmas and Mark Simpson both netted inside the final two minutes to bring the score back to 6-3, but the result had not been in doubt for some time before the final buzzer.

Friday 29th November

Glasgow Clan 5 Belfast Giants 2 Elite League

(3-0, 1-2, 1-0) SOG 28-43 PIMs 6-33 Att 3336

Glasgow Clan took their second home victory over Belfast Giants this season, and first in the league, with a 5-2 home victory on Friday night at Braehead Arena. It was an ideal start for the home side who ran in three goals in the opening period. With virtually his side's first shot of the game, Steven Seigo cut in from the point and fired high into Tom McCollum's net from the top of the circle with 4:52 played. A little under eight minutes later, Rylan Schwartz was left all alone at the top of the crease to beat McCollum and make it 2-0. At 17:47, Deven Sideroff backhanded through McCollum's five-hole in front to put Clan three ahead. When Alex Forbes made it 4-0 8:30 into period two, Giants head coach Adam Keefe called a time-out and was visibly unsatisfied with his team. Whatever he said had the desired effect - Jordan Kawaguchi tipped Josh Roach's shot past Landon Bow at 31:58, while Ciaran Long then won a foot-race with Reece Kelly and beat Bow five-hole at 36:15 to cut the deficit back down to two. Heading into the final two minutes and probably thinking about pulling McCollum, Keefe could only watch on as Sideroff fed Mitchell Heard for the Clan's fifth with 95 seconds to play, settling the game.

Department of Player Safety Outcomes

On Friday night in Glasgow, Giants forward #26 Mark Cooper was assessed a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for Checking to the Head. Effective immediately #26 Mark Cooper is fined.



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Saturday 30th November

Guildford Flames 3 Coventry Blaze 4 Elite League

(1-1, 1-2, 1-1) SOG 40-42 PIMs 10-8 Att 1840

Coventry Blaze leapfrogged Guildford Flames into second in the Elite League standings with a win by the odd goal in seven at the Spectrum in an excellent game between two in-form teams in the top three. "We just wanted to play good defense, we know Guildford are a fast, offensive team. They have a lot of skill and we knew that if we played a solid game we'd be able to generate our own chances and we cashed in on those tonight" said Blaze defenseman Alexander Kuqali post-game. An explosive start from the Blaze saw them almost score on the very first shift of the game – a stranded Eamon McAdam only looking on as Alessio Luciani batted a floating puck over the bar with the net empty. Guildford took the lead 3:50 into period one with Josh Waller's pass into the slot being one-timed past Mat Robson by Jake Jacome. The Flames' lead lasted exactly nine seconds with Luciani putting home Nick Seitz's throw to the net to level the game. An exciting opening period ended without further scoring but good chances at both ends. "There's no magic speech with us," continued Kuqali. "We just try to take the game in five-minute segments and take every shift if it comes. We talk about being present a lot, and in a game like this if you do that and chip away and get the result you want." McAdam needed to be at his best to keep the Blaze out in the early stages of period two, but they did go ahead at 24:06 thanks to Luciani's second of the game that deflected and looped into the net. Brynley Capps came close to scoring his first professional goal but couldn't poke the puck past McAdam as the Blaze threatened again. A bad turnover allowed Grayson Constable to skate through and slot past McAdam to put the Blaze 3-1 ahead at 36:32. Facing the possibility of heading into the break two behind, the Flames were given a lifeline when Lewis Hook got on the end of a loose puck in the slot to beat Robson with 89 seconds remaining in the period. Ethan Strang almost tied the game on the very next play but Robson's out-stretched skate stopped a low shot hitting the back of his net. Coventry moved back two ahead with a rocket of a slapshot from Brandon Alderson 8:35 into period three while Waller sat for a holding-stick infraction. With 3:08 to play, Paul Dixon pulled McAdam for the extra skater, and 20 seconds later Mike Kennedy was penalised for playing after losing his helmet to put the Flames on a 6-on-4 advantage. They made their pressure count with a debut goal for Sam Jones with 23 seconds remaining, but time was on the Blaze's side and they held on for the important road win.

Dundee Stars 2 Belfast Giants 5 Elite League

(0-1, 2-2, 0-2,) SOG 22-48 PIMs 10-10 Att 1540

Three goals in under 10 minutes across the final two periods helped Belfast Giants get past Dundee Stars by a 5-2 scoreline, ending their trip to Scotland with a win after Friday's defeat in Glasgow. "Overall I thought it was pretty solid besides the penalties, we did take a lot of penalties they capitalised on a couple of them. I think we need to be better in that area but overall we competed and did the little things right," said Giants forward Elijah Barriga, who had a pair of goals on the night. "Kudos to my teammates, they help me. Just working hard, creating plays and going to the net." A Jeff Baum goal was the difference between the teams in the opening 20 minute at the Dundee Ice Arena – the Giants defenseman shooting past Jarrett Fiske 2:55 into the game off an offensive zone faceoff win. The Giants controlled the remainder of the opening period, denying the Stars any solid scoring chances and outshooting them 17-5 in the process. The Stars capitalised on an early power play to open the period, equalising the score at 22:08 as Cole MacDonald beat Jackson Whistle with a wrist shot through traffic. Scott Conway found himself alone in the high slot, and fired a shot onto Fiske. The Stars' netminder made an initial save, however JJ Piccinich collected the rebound and once again regained the lead at 28:10. A second power play opportunity of the period for Dundee once again allowed them to level the score, as Drydn Dow's shot from the point was tipped into the net by Brendan Harms at 31:41. As it looked like the score would remain 2-2 heading into the third period, a late 5-on-3 opportunity presented itself for the Giants, who wasted no time regaining the lead at 38:22. Elijah Barriga tipped the rebound past Fiske on a shot from JJ Piccinich, scoring against his former team and sending Belfast up 3-2 heading into the final period. The middle period was notable for two excellent saves, one by each goalie. Jackson Whistle made an incredible glove save to stop the Stars going 3-2 ahead, one that will be hard to be for save of the week, while at the other end Fiske coolly stopped a breakaway with a quick glove. Barriga got his second of the night 3:42 into the third period, while Bobo Carpenter struck almost



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exactly four minutes later to give the visitors a healthy cushion. Marc LeFebvre called his timeout after that goal, but despite two late penalty on the Giants in the period, the Giants took the win without further scoring.

Manchester Storm 0 Cardiff Devils 6 Elite League

(0-0, 0-3, 0-3,) SOG 22-24 PIMs 20-15 Att 1942

Three goals in the final two periods saw Cardiff Devils comfortably past Manchester Storm in front of 1,942 fans at the Storm Shelter. Period one ended all square at the Storm Shelter with the Storm out-shooting their visitors 7-4 through the opening 20 minutes. Having waited to see over 20 minutes for a goal, the crowd at the Storm Shelter were treated to three in period two – but not the way the majority of them wanted to see them. Zach O'Brien's excellent pass to the reverse wing found Cole Sanford for the one-time finish 43 seconds into the middle frame to put the Devils ahead. Just over eight minutes later, O'Brien was the recipient of a Cody Donaghey pass to the back post to double the visitors' advantage on a delayed penalty. With three minutes remaining in the second, and Storm skating 5-on-3, Taz Burman made a huge glove save to keep the Devils' lead at two. Josh MacDonald then put the Devils three ahead with 81 seconds remaining in the period. Three more goals went the way of the Devils in the final period to extend their advantage. MacDonald scored 33 seconds into the third, and then made it a hat trick with a powerplay goal at 45:19. Joey Martin completed an excellent start to the period for the visitors with their sixth at 46:04. A late Boarding penalty on Ryan Hughes saw Dallas Ehrhardt, Jarrod Gourley and Riley Brandt all take Fighting majors, but it was academic as the Devils took a comfortable win.

Sheffield Steelers 2 Nottingham Panthers 4 Elite League

(1-1, 0-2, 1-1, SOG 33-24 PIMs 6-12 Att 8736

Nottingham Panthers recorded their first win in Sheffield since November 2021, and first over the Steelers in 21 games, with a well-deserved 4-2 victory at the Utilita Arena. After a back and forth start to the first period, with the visitors taking two early penalties, the hosts went ahead. Maxim Golod got lost by the Panthers penalty kill and was excellently picked out by Mitchell Balmas to score at the far post with 7:34 played. It took the Panthers under three minutes to respond. Catching the Steelers on a line change, Logan Neilson's pass set Sam Herr through on a 2-on-1 where the Panthers captain opted to shoot himself and found the top corner of Jere Huhtamaa's net to level things at 9:56. Ryan Bednard came out on top of some good Steelers passing on their third powerplay of the period to keep the Panthers ahead. The Panthers ended period two two ahead, but arguable should have put the game to bed by the 40-minute mark. After Patrick Watling left the puck behind below his own blue line, Herr skated through and shot - Huhtamaa made the save, only for Kristof Kontos to put home the rebound 5:48 into the second. The visitors failed to capitalise on a 2-on-0 shortly after, but did go two ahead through Hugo Roy's neat finish at 30:30. Reid Stefanson had two excellent chances to put his side 4-1 up, including one shorthanded breakaway, but was unable to convert either. The next goal was crucial, and it was eventually the Panthers who got their fourth - captain Herr beat Huhtamaa five-hole from close range after Kontos had done well to win the puck and found Mitch Fossier in around the circle. Four down with just over eight minutes to go, the Steelers needed something fast if they were to extend their streak to 22 wins over the Panthers. Daniel Leavens did get them one back with 2:26 to go, but it was too late. An incident in the crowd also saw a delayed restart to the game, after which the Panthers managed out the game to secure a big two points.

Sunday 1st December

Nottingham Panthers 3 Dundee Stars 2 Elite League

(1-1, 1-1, 1-0,) SOG 42-23 PIMs 29-14 Att 5156

Nottingham Panthers made it a perfect weekend with a 3-2 win over Dundee Stars on Sunday afternoon at the Motorpoint Arena. The game was level through 20 minutes with the Panthers going ahead just after a powerplay, and the Stars levelling up on one of their own. Kristoff Kontos put the home side, coming into the game on the back of three straight wins, ahead with a deflection on Sam Herr's pass. The goal at 2:08 saw hundreds of teddy bears thrown onto the ice that will be donated to local charities. Dundee levelled



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while Mitch Fossier sat for high-sticking - Jonathan McBean finished good Stars passing with a snipe into the top corner of Ryan Bednard's net. The teams were also tied after 40 minutes, both adding a goal in the second period. There was an air of controversy about the Stars' go-ahead goal as the puck rebounded off Drydn Dow's skate, however the game officials chose not to review the play after discussing. Captain Herr tied things up for the Panthers with 1:17 left in period two, batting the puck home after Richard Sabol had saved Reid Stefanson's initial shot. Sabol made an excellent stop five minutes into period three when he denied a Panthers 2-on-1 both on the initial shot and the rebound that threatened to sneak under him. Dundee had an excellent chance to take the lead when Quinn Wichers was ejected for a cross-check high on Brendan Harms, but the advantage was cut short after two and a half minutes when Dow took a hooking minor in his own zone. They then had to watch Hugo Roy fire high into Sabol's net during the ensuing 4-on-4 to put the Panthers ahead again. That proved to be the game-winner, despite the Stars camping themselves in the Panthers' zone for most of the final two minutes of the game. Sabol ended with 39 saves from the Stars who played well but fell just short, while the Panthers celebrated their fourth win on the bounce.

Coventry Blaze 6 Manchester Storm 4 Challenge Cup

(2-1, 3-3, 1-0,) SOG 41-34 PIMs 12-20 Att 1730

Coventry Blaze ensured that the final two games in Challenge Cup Group A will stay live fixtures with an important 6-4 win over Manchester Storm at the Skydome. The Blaze's win puts them third in the group and sets up a crunch encounter with Cardiff Devils on 11 December for a place in the next round. The result of that will also affect who out of the Devils or Panthers needs a result on 22 December in the final game of the Group Stage. "It was a good team win for us tonight," . "It was nice to get off to a hot start and it was a win we needed in the Challenge Cup" said Chase Gresock, who scored two on the night for the Blaze who found themselves 4-2 down in the second period. "We take pride in knowing that no matter the score, we can come back and win a hockey game." 75 seconds into the game the Blaze were ahead through Chase Gresock's shot into the top corner of Evan Weninger's net. A Loren Ulett powerplay goal tied things up at 4:14, but the Blaze led again at 6:28 thanks to Gresock's second of the game. Storm scored three goals in under four second-period minutes to seemingly take control of things, but somehow still ended the period behind. Grant Hebert had the puck bounce off him and into the net at 22:46, some 20 seconds after Mat Robson had come up with a huge glove save to keep the Blaze ahead. Joe Morrow then put the visitors ahead at 24:07, while Craig Martin hit the roof of Robson's net at 26:13 to make it 4-2. Zach Heintz pulled one back for the Blaze with a powerplay goal at 27:41, and the home side were level at 32:33 thanks to Mike Regush. They then went back into the lead with Heintz's second of the night at 34:05, some eight minutes after finding themselves two behind. Jackson Cressey converted 5-on-4 with 11:53 left on the click in the final period to put the Blaze into a two-goal lead that they'd hold onto until the final buzzer.

Cardiff Devils 4 Guildford Flames 1 Elite League

(0-0, 1-0, 3-1,) SOG 36-30 PIMs 6-10 Att 3110

A statement week from the Cardiff Devils saw the pick up their third victory in five nights with a 4-1 win over Guildford Flames, moving them seven points clear at the top of the Elite League standings. A scoreless opening period saw both sides create chances to go ahead -both Ben Bowns and Jake Kupsy came out on top as each team saw a breakaway chance go begging on the same play. The 3,110-sellout crowd at the Vindico Arena had to wait until the 36th minute of the game to see a goal - Evan Mosey breaking the deadlock when he finished from Gleason Fournier's pass to the back door at 35:01. Two goals in quick succession put the Devils in control in the third. Brett Perlini poked a loose puck over the goal line at 42:18 to make it 2-0, while Joey Martin struck 100 seconds later to put the hosts three up. Cole Sanford's goal at 45:10 rounded off an excellent three minutes for the Devils who now led 4-0. Ethan Strang pulled one back for the Flames on the powerplay with 2:33 to go, but the points were staying in Wales.



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

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

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

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
2					
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Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

Goalies

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

Defencemen

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

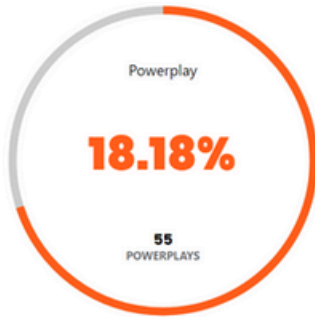
Forwards




















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

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FLAMES IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

16 Games played	9 Wins	6 Losses	0 Overtime wins	1 Overtime losses	0.594 Win %
19 Points	49 Goals scored	41 Goals against	3.06 Goals For average	2.56 Goals Against average	1788 Average attendance
529 Shots on goal for	514 Shots on goal against				



				Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
	24	Ethan Strang	FW	16	11	2	13	4	2	0	3	50	69	0	0	4	15:50
	91	Joshua Waller	FW	16	4	9	13	4	1	0	6	37	55	0	1	7	18:06
	16	Jack Jacome	FW	16	7	5	12	37	2	0	7	59	76	0	0	10	16:43
	28	Matt Alvaro	FW	16	6	6	12	16	2	0	7	28	44	128	122	4	18:26
	18	Brett Ferguson	LW	16	2	9	11	10	1	0	-4	32	50	188	162	15	20:00
	81	Charlie Dodero	D	13	4	6	10	12	0	0	8	35	64	0	0	11	22:44
	88	Lewis Hook	FW	16	3	6	9	6	0	1	0	25	37	0	1	7	19:39
	19	Charlie Curti	D	14	2	6	8	2	0	0	1	30	52	0	0	18	24:02:00
	46	Mike Crocock	D	16	1	7	8	6	0	0	8	12	40	0	0	19	21:13
	7	Daniel Catenacci	FW	12	3	4	7	60	0	1	1	20	30	89	73	5	18:02
	26	Daniel Tedesco	FW	15	1	6	7	10	1	0	-4	46	78	8	2	6	19:24
	8	Ryan Tait	FW	15	2	4	6	0	1	0	-7	55	76	2	3	2	19:26
	45	Travis Brown	D	15	0	3	3	14	0	0	3	27	57	0	0	21	21:04
	98	Samuel Talbot	FW	16	0	3	3	2	0	0	-1	7	12	54	58	5	09:26
	14	Sean Norris	FW	10	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	8	9	0	0	2	10:24
	20	Marcus Tesink	D	16	0	2	2	14	0	0	-2	16	28	0	0	13	18:38
	6	Kyle Locke	D	10	0	2	2	12	0	0	-7	21	38	0	0	10	18:57
	40	Sam Jones	D	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	-3	5	10	0	0	0	23:13
	86	Jake Coughler	FW	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	12	13	21	17	0	14:04
	4	Stephen Calisti	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	2	14:55

			Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
	1	USA Jake Kupsy	8	6	2	0	264	18	477	2.26	93.18	0
	27	USA Eamon McAdam	8	3	5	0	248	22	478	2.76	91.13	0

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Instead of looking at an individual player we will, with thanks to the Guildford Flames media team, recap over their next two visits the Flames history in the EIHL which started back in season 2017/18. After a quarter century of competition, and 19 trophies along the way, the Flames committed to possibly the biggest challenge in organisational history by making the step up to the top flight in time for the 2017-2018 campaign. Acceptance as a member club by the Elite League was exciting, but maybe even anxiety provoking for the fan base. A degree of continuity remained with the re-signing of forwards Andy McKinney, who eventually made a mid-season transfer to Manchester, and Ben Campbell as well as Defenceman Jez Lundin, Kevin Phillips and Sam Godfrey. Mike Will returned in goal to round out the only six players who had experience in Flames colours ahead of the new campaign. The sweeping changes to staff meant that the opening day team list had more than a dozen new names before further newbies were added once the campaign got underway. The adjustments represented the single largest roster turnover from one season to the next in the entire 25 year existence of the club.

New forwards to the team included GB national team members Ben Davies and Liam Stewart. They were joined by Canadian skaters Ian Watters, John Dunbar, Rhett Rachinski, Charles Wells, Kruise Reddick, and Brett Ferguson along with Swedish wingers Mikael Lidhammar and David Lillieström Karlsson; the latter departing just a few games in with a career closing concussion. In November, Geoff Walker was added to the up-front mix. At the back, Canadians Jesse Craigie and Brennan Yadowski made up part of the Defensive group completed by Slovakian blueliner Tomas Nechala and Swedish counterpart Calle Ackered. British-Canadian Adam Jones also joined the side, but his stay was relatively short-lived. In January the club bolstered depth at the position with American Mike Krieg. Canadian netminder Brian Stewart began the season between the pipes but an early injury saw him sidelined for more than 4 months, and Spectrum's tenants quickly added Chris Carrozzi to what became the goaltending trio.

Perhaps anxiety hit its peak on the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd when the Flames opened competition with a couple of challenge matches, home and away to Milton Keynes Lightning; the league's other expansion member. Despite falling 3-1 on both nights, the least Surrey's side had done was demonstrate a level of competitiveness worthy of Elite League standard, and from there competition began for real. After an opening season loss at Belfast Giants on September 9th, the historical first Elite League win, other than BNL-Elite Crossover competition back in 2004-2005, came on Sunday September 10th on Spectrum ice. With a one goal lead on the reigning League and Cup champion Cardiff Devils, three Flames strikes in the opening 10 minutes of the final period paved the way for the first success with an 8-4 Cup win.



Carl Ackered - Pic Credit John Uwins

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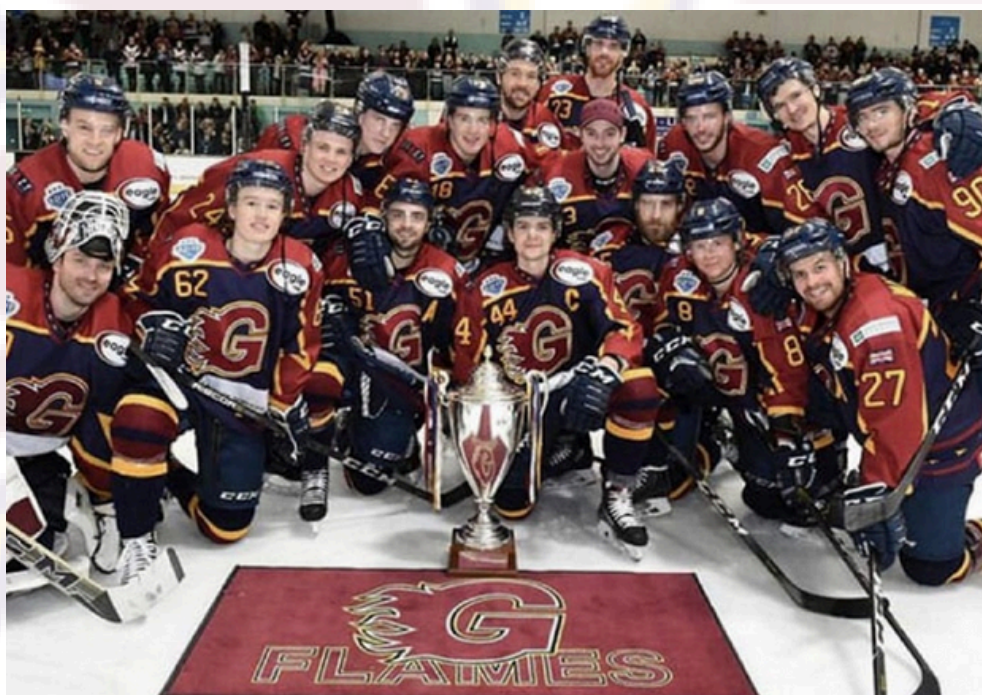
The Flames would go on to earn an advanced round berth, eventually playing a two game aggregate quarter final set against the Devils who eliminated the Flames from further Cup play in early January. September league play was a solid learning stretch for the Flames who fell in four straight games to league powerhouses Nottingham, Sheffield and Manchester, but they didn't go away totally empty handed; instead competing well enough to gather three points from the four defeats. They opened October with a four game winning streak, and points in 7 of 8 games for the month capped a comfortable opening run as a member club. Through the remainder of the schedule, the Flames had many ups and downs, and many firsts including a first win against every single team in the league; a cycle completed fully on home ice on Sunday February 11th when Ian Watters scored three times in the last period to break up a 1-1 tie and help lift the club to a 4-2 win over Sheffield Steelers who had earlier delivered a combined 14-4 defeat across the first pair of meetings between the sides. The Flames closed the regular schedule with wins against Dundee, Braehead and Coventry to secure a 30 win campaign and good form ahead of the Playoffs. The two game aggregate goal Playoff quarter final series was set with 3rd place Sheffield Steelers. All that was left to do was see if the club could advance to the Playoff finals. For about 52 minutes of the opening leg on the road, that objective looked realistic. The Flames carried a 2-1 lead into the final 8 minutes, but a late collapse, and four quick Steelers goals, had the Yorkshire team holding a 5-2 margin heading back to Spectrum for the closing game. The Steelers added on a couple more early in Leg two to grab a commanding five goal aggregate advantage and had the series, and a Flames Playoff final berth, all but out of reach. However, as the plucky Surrey side had done all season, they played to the final whistle. In the end, despite not overcoming the overall deficit, three unanswered 3rd period goals did give Spectrum's men a 5-4 win to split the weekend series. Despite failing to move on to the Nottingham Final Four weekend, a 6th place top half league finish, a tie for the conference lead, as well Challenge Cup and Playoff Quarter Final advancements will always be looked on as a wildly successful opening Elite League term.

2018-19

After an opening Elite League campaign that soared much higher than initial expectations, excitement heading to year two at the top flight was amplified with off season news of a strong contingent of returning players. All-Star Defencemen Jesse Craige and Calle Ackered each signed on for two more years as did another All-Star, and the league's leading assist getter, winger John Dunbar. Joining them on multi-year pacts up the middle were Kruise Reddick and Brett Ferguson. After a career year, forward Ian Watters also agreed to return on a single year arrangement joining netminders Mike Will and Chris Carrozzi, GB national team forward Ben Davies, as well as a pair of British Blueliners in Jez Lundin and Kevin Phillips that set the core of the club that would continue on from the magical inaugural term. Looking to improve on the previous set, the Flames went to work on signing Canadian forward Kevin King who had nearly 70 points during his first Elite League stop at Milton Keynes Lightning. He was joined at the front by Americans Evan Ritt and Evan Janssen from French league Gap and ECHL outfit Rapid City Rush, respectively. Fresh off a Canadian university National championship, Jamie Crooks from University of Alberta also joined the front lines, as did a pair of Under 20 GB skaters, and former Guildford Jr. members, Richard Krogh and Joshua Waller. At the back, Spectrum's men added AHL and ECHL veteran Corbin Baldwin, and Jordan Abt just off his first full season of pro hockey with Norfolk Admirals. The defensive unit was rounded out with experience from more than 200 Swedish Hockey League games and plenty of Elite League time when Erik Lindhagen was a late summer addition after a 2-year spell with Nottingham Panthers. Canadian netminder Travis Fullerton, just beyond a season with Dundee Stars, joined Carrozzi and Will to close out the netminding team.

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After splitting the opening pair of Cup games with Coventry Blaze in early September, they finished the remainder of the month with another three wins and three defeats, including a 2nd split in cup action. Early in October, with fewer than 10 games in the books, former GB member Phillips was released from the club while an addition was added shortly after when Canadian skater TJ Foster, a U of A Golden Bear Alum, took up Flames colours after opening the campaign at Liiga side, Sport. Mid-October included a three game skid but six wins in the month made it a good run that also began the longest winning streak of the term when the Flames won seven straight from October 21st through November 10th, including success in the Cup at League Champion Cardiff Devils, and wins over Belfast Giants and Sheffield Steelers. The 7-game streak was followed by a .500 record through the end of the season's third month but the real excitement began in mid-December when a 2nd place Challenge Cup table finish put Surrey's men in Steelers' direct path for a two game Quarter Final showdown. After tying the away leg in Sheffield 4-4, the Flames returned home a week later for a 5-4 win just ahead of Christmas to guarantee a semi-final slot; the first final four appearance in their new league. January proved to be a bit of a slog with seven defeats against just four league wins, but there was a rather important win in the opening Cup Semi-final leg when the Flames, on home ice, downed league powerhouse Nottingham Panthers to take a 5-2 Cup lead into the closing game in February where a 3-1 road win qualified Spectrum's tenants for the Championship final against Belfast Giants. Immediately adding on four league wins on the bounce, another milestone was achieved. Amidst that stretch, on February 17th, a 1-0 shutout victory over Manchester Storm helped the club hoist its first ever Elite League trophy thanks to the Patton Conference title. Dowd was indeed awarded the Vic Batchelder Memorial Trophy for the best young player and also did take his senior GB bow. Talking of playing internationally let's move forward a number of years to the spring of 2021 and we pick up through the following interview another highlight chapter in Dowd's career to date. Throughout Great Britain's rise to the top division, the team's motto had been 'Dare to Dream'. Now, buoyed by a victory over the host Nation Belarus in the 2021 tournament the next instalment could of, at least theoretically, have mean a trip to the quarter-finals. It's was a long shot, but in a tournament where the unthinkable seemed to happen more often than the predictable, it's was a possibility that forward Robert Dowd was relishing. "We're absolutely still daring to dream," he said. "When we came in in 2019 I felt we were a bit in awe of the situation and were soaking it all in rather than taking the bull by the horns. We were happy to be there, and kind of content with whatever happened. "After that, we're back with a different attitude.



Flames with the Paton Trophy - Pic Credit John Uwins

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With the first Elite silver parade on Spectrum ice out of the way, the accumulation of league points also put a playoff spot firmly in sight.

March 10th at Viola Arena in Cardiff saw the Flames contest more Silver in the 'winner take all' Cup Final against Northern Ireland's favourites, but sadly fate would dangle a near win before exchanging for a heartbreaking defeat with an eventual 2-1 overtime loss that shattered the hopes of Flames faithful. Though a 2nd trophy was not in the cards before the regular season curtain closed, enough points were banked for the club's first ever top 5 finish.

The final placing put the Flames in line for a Quarter Final playoff two game aggregate series against Glasgow Clan. In the opener on Spectrum ice, Clan jumped out to a 3-0 lead through 40 minutes, but a couple of Flames goals in the final frame pulled them within one, and turned the tide ahead of a road visit to Scotland for the closing leg. Less than 5 minutes in, Jamie Crooks had Spectrum's men back on even terms and Ian Watters had them in front not long after that. They would not relinquish that aggregate lead during an eventual 5-0 win, 7-3 combined, that solidified a first ever Playoff Final Four appearance at Nottingham. Unfortunately, in the semi-final against Giants, the Cup winners and newly crowned League champions, the Flames fell short by the same 2-1 Cup Final score, this time in regulation, and were eliminated from a championship game appearance.

2019/20

After a season in which the Flames collected a Conference title, advanced to the Cup final and the Playoff Finals weekend, there was much hope for more of the same in 2019-2020, but in the end the term would forever be remembered as the one cut short by the Covid-19 Global Pandemic.

The off season lead up had great success with the additions of Canadian puck moving Defenceman Jordan Rowley and long-time GB blueliner Steve Lee. Up front, Canadian skater Cam Braes and British trained forward Owen Griffiths joined the mix of a heavy number of returnees from the Cup and Playoff threatening side from the year prior.

The new schedule got off to a bit of a bumpy start with a League and Cup defeat before a Cup win over Coventry Blaze counted the first points in the opening three attempts. Flames collected just three wins in eight tries across September, but better days were ahead with 7 October wins from 9 games including more Cup success over Coventry, and a pair of wins over Cardiff Devils, that helped Spectrum's men top their Cup group. Around the same time, the Flames bolstered their netminding options with the addition of former Chicago Blackhawks draft pick Wouter Peeters who would finish the season as part of a trio that included returning players Travis Fullerton and Mike Will.



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Cup success set up a two leg aggregate goal quarter final against Nottingham Panthers, but despite a 2nd leg 5-3 home ice win, it was not enough to overcome a poor start in the opener that eventually timed out on a 5-1 defeat, ensuring the leg two win would only tighten the combined gap with the Flames ultimately bowing out after an 8-6 loss across 120 minutes. The disappointment of that set, however, couldn't dampen a terrific October, November, December stretch in which Surrey's side won 16 of 20 games, which included a seven game league winning streak. The addition of Canadian forward Braylon Shmyr in the New Year, and the release of Braes, were the final roster transactions before a mix of results ensued in January and February. However, there was a moment of history with their first ever win at Belfast thanks to a 5-4 overtime success on February 29th.













Pic Credit - Belfast Giants

That preceded an exciting come from behind home ice 5-4 win over Sheffield Steelers less than 24 hours later to end the season on a high note, in what we would all discover later would be the final game of the season thanks to serious world health issues that overtook what promised to be an exciting playoff run.

LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	26	25	23	28	27	27	27	24	23	24
Challenge Cup Games	12	8	9	12	12	12	10	10	9	10
League Games	14	17	14	16	15	15	17	14	14	14
Biggest Win	7-0 v Flyers	6-0 v Storm	9-2 v Flyers	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	8-3 v Storm
Biggest Loss	1-5 v Panthers	3-5 v Blaze	0-6 v Flames	1-6 v Devils v Steelers	2-9 v Blaze	0-6 v Blaze	2-6 v Devils	0-6 v Devils	2-5 v Stars	3-6 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	5	3	4
Current Streak	1 Win	4 Wins	6 Wins	2 Losses	1 Win	2 Wins	2 Losses	5 Losses	4 Wins	4 Losses
Fastest Goal	00:58	00:50	00:18	01:08	02:08	00:08	00:21	00:29	02:08	00:14
Shut Out For	5	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	2	2	3	2	1	2	0	0
Empty Net Goals For	3	3	5	1	1	3	4	2	1	6
Empty Net Goals Against	3	3	0	4	6	8	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	87	88	73	63	61	67	60	67	71	78
Powerplay	22	16	24	12	15	14	13	17	21	13
Even Strength	63	70	45	49	46	49	44	48	49	62
Shorthanded	2	2	4	2	0	4	3	2	1	3
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	12	9	10	13	7	9	12	6	0	16
Powerplay	2	1	1	4	3	3	3	2	0	4
Even Strength	10	8	7	9	4	4	8	4	0	12
Shorthanded	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	52	55	59	90	113	80	67	92	51	62
Penalty Kill	15	12	17	12	19	22	17	25	11	14
Even Strength	35	42	38	75	92	55	49	64	36	48
Shorthanded	2	1	4	3	2	3	1	3	4	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	10	2	7	12	15	11	7	12	9	9
Penalty Kill	2	2	4	0	4	3	1	2	2	2
Even Strength	8	0	3	12	9	6	6	10	7	6
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	31	20	19	28	22	19	15	26	27	27
Goals Scored Period 2	30	41	25	26	22	26	24	27	24	28
Goals Scored Period 3	36	36	38	22	22	30	33	16	17	39
Goals Scored OT/SO	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	4	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	99	97	85	79	67	76	72	71	72	97
Goals Scored Per Game	3.81	3.88	3.70	2.82	2.48	2.81	2.67	2.96	3.13	4.04
Goals Conceded Period 1	19	16	26	27	41	21	24	28	11	24
Goals Conceded Period 2	19	17	18	38	42	25	29	44	27	22
Goals Conceded Period 3	21	23	20	36	44	45	22	35	22	23
Goals Conceded OT/SO	3	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL Goals Conceded	62	57	67	103	130	92	77	108	61	71
Goals Against Per Game	2.38	2.28	2.91	3.68	4.81	3.41	2.85	4.50	2.65	2.96
Shots For P1	341	274	235	283	283	314	289	240	245	267
Shots For P2	325	230	260	311	266	304	294	242	248	279
Shots For P3	286	262	240	287	233	226	237	250	212	254
Shots For OT	5	0	15	12	6	0	7	4	13	11
TOTAL Shots For	957	766	750	893	788	844	827	736	718	811
Shots for Per Game	36.81	30.64	32.61	31.89	29.19	31.26	30.63	30.67	31.22	33.79
Shots Against P1	225	257	292	310	373	276	271	289	24	248
Shots Against P2	238	260	246	337	407	285	293	301	273	215
Shots Against P3	250	238	252	281	344	270	250	268	252	188
Shots Against OT	11	2	11	14	12	3	2	3	8	12
TOTAL Shots Against	724	757	801	942	1136	834	816	861	557	663
Shots Against Per Game	27.85	30.28	34.83	33.64	42.07	30.89	30.22	35.88	24.22	27.63

League & Cup games played as at 02/12/2024

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TWO NUMBER 21's - PEAT AND BIETTE

In this article, two number 21's from different eras of Flyers' history are featured, one who played for the team in the Northern League of the 1970s and in the Heineken era, the other, a favourite amongst Flyers fans in his four seasons at the end of the British National League days. By the time I started watching hockey in the early 80s, Brian Peat was an established member of Flyers' squad, having come up through the ranks, starting with the forerunner of Kirkcaldy Kestrels alongside the Cottrell and Latto brothers in 1970/71. When Kestrels were formed in 1972, he began to learn his trade as a hockey player and made his Flyers debut, the following season in a 26-4 win against Paisley Mohawks on 16/02/74. Just over a year later, he scored his first Flyers goal in a 5-2 win at Glasgow on 02/03/75, his only Flyers goal that season as he split his playing time between Flyers and Kestrels. He began to become a regular in Flyers' line up in 75/76, making 23 appearances netting 5+13. The following year, he was a key member of Flyers' Grand Slam winning team, scoring eight times including a hat-trick on 20/03/76 at Durham, a 10-11 defeat that ended Flyers' winning streak at 32 games.

Brian was named Flyers' "Most Improved Player" in 76/77 and on 23/12/78, he scored his most goals in a game, netting four times against Crowtree Chiefs and from then on he was a regular in Flyers' defensive set up. In my first Flyers season, Brian continued his role as a no nonsense stay at home defenceman. He was a valued member of Flyers' Heineken Championship winning team of 84/85, playing in 47 games including the victorious Wembley final.



His scoring record that season was four goals and nine assists, and accumulated 124 minutes in penalties including a five minute major for roughing in a game at Streatham where he dropped the gloves with Redskins' Craig Melancon. Flyers didn't have their best discipline in that particular match, totalling 114 minutes in penalties. He played 41 games in 85/86 and scored his last Flyers goal at Wembley on 26/04/86, described in the Fife Free Press as "a tremendous slapshot from the blue line". It was at Wembley a year later that Brian brought his Flyers career to an end in a 5-7 semi-final defeat to Durham on 25/04/87.

My memories of Brian Peat are of a reliable defenceman, who played to his strengths and was an integral part of Flyers' team in the early Heineken days.

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Prior to Karry Biette arriving in Kirkcaldy, he had played junior for Regina Pats in the WHL and at University of Manitoba before turning pro in the ECHL at Erie and Roanoke. In my Flyers archive, I have two hockey cards featuring a very young Karry when he played in Regina.

He was an established UK hockey import before he signed with Flyers. He spent 96/97 with Swindon Icelords alongside Todd Dutiaume and played against Flyers in their only ever appearance at Manchester's Nynex Arena on 29/03/97. When Icelords folded following that season, he moved north to Ayr Scottish Eagles in Superleague and played over 100 games for Eagles and was part of their Grand Slam winning team of 97/98, which also featured former Flyer Ryan Kumm.

1999/00 saw him face Flyers once more as a member of Guildford Flames. He was team captain in a season that Flames finished runners up in the BNL to Flyers and was top scorer in a pretty good Flames side that year. In 00/01, the addition of John Haig and David Smith from Flyers' 99/00 Grand Slam winning squad helped Karry and Flames to repeat Flyers' feat the previous season, with Karry finishing joint top Flames scorer with 105 points. He was a welcome addition to Flyers' 01/02 line up as Flyers won two pieces of silverware that season, The Caledonian Cup and the Findus Challenge Cup, when Flyers won all eight games to win the Findus trophy. In the Findus Cup Final on 25/11/01 against Coventry at NIC, Biette possibly had his best most influential game in a Flyers uniform. He netted a hat trick including an outstanding end to end solo goal and was deservedly named Man of the Match. Karry had made his debut on 01/09/01 in a 3-2 Findus Cup win against Dundee scoring 1+1 including the game winner. In 02/03, Flyers had a relatively poor season, finishing seventh in the BNL, but Karry scored twice in the Caledonian Cup Final as Flyers won their only trophy of the season.



The following season he was Flyers' top scorer and tallied 36+44 in 59 games in a year that Flyers regained their BNL league title and retained the Caledonian Cup. Karry netted a hat trick in the second leg of the Caledonian Cup Final at Edinburgh on 04/04/04 in a 7-6 win to beat Capitals 13-9 on aggregate. In this season and the next he was assistant coach to Mark Morrison. In his last season at Kirkcaldy, 04/05 Karry missed about half the season with injury. Most serious was an eye injury sustained in the Boxing Day clash with Edinburgh, when he was struck in the face with the puck. He had been playing with an injury to his knee at that time and the eye injury ended his season and effectively his hockey career. His last goal as a Flyer was in a 5-2 Winter Cup win against Bracknell on 18/12/04. Karry Biette was a skilled player, who always appeared to be giving 100% and was one of Flyers' top performers in his 3-1/2 seasons at Kirkcaldy.

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RULES CORNER



In the second part of our review of Physical Infractions we look at the details of Rules 47 to 53. Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

RULE 47 HEAD-BUTTING

47.1 HEAD-BUTTING

The act of head-butting involves a Player making deliberate contact, or attempting to make contact, with an opponent by leading with their head and/or helmet, whether contact is made or not.

47.2 DOUBLE-MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Double-minor Penalty to any Player who attempts to “head-butt” an opponent.

47.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by “head-butting”. Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

47.4 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

EIHL Annotation RULE 47-HEAD-BUTTING

Examples of a double minor:

a player who fakes a headbutt at an opponent.

a player that forces his head, helmet or visor and pushes his head with force against an opponent's head, helmet, or visor.

RULE 48 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK

48.1 ILLEGAL CHECK TO THE HEAD OR NECK

There is no clean check to the head or neck. The Player delivering the hit must avoid hitting the opponent's head or neck. A hit resulting in contact with an opponent's head where the head was the main point of contact and such contact to the head was avoidable is not permitted. This rule supersedes all similar actions regarding hits to the head and neck. When a Player is skating with their head up, whether they are in possession of the puck and may reasonably be expecting impending contact, an opponent does not have the right to hit them on the head or neck. A Player who delivers a bodycheck to an opponent who is skating with the puck with their head down in the direction of the Player and does not use an upward motion or drive their body up into the opponent, shall not be penalized for an “illegal check to the head”.

A penalty for “Illegal check to the head or neck” will be assessed if one of the following occurs when a player checks an opponent:

(I) A Player who directs a hit of any sort, with any part of their body or equipment, to the head or neck of an opposing Player or drives or forces the head of an opposing Player into the protective glass or boards using any part of their upper body.

(II) A Player who extends and directs any part of their upper body to contact the head or neck of an opponent.

(III) A Player who extends their body upward or outward in order to reach their opponent or uses any part of the upper body to contact an opponent's head or neck.

(IV) A Player who jumps (leaves their skates) to deliver a blow to the head or neck of an opponent.



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In determining whether contact with an opponent's head was avoidable, the circumstances of the hit including the following shall be considered:

(V) Whether the Player attempted to hit squarely through the opponent's body and the head was not "picked" as a result of poor timing, poor angle of approach, or unnecessary extension of the body upward or outward. If the primary force of a blow is initially to the body area and then contact slides up to the head or neck.

(VI) Whether the opponent put themselves in a vulnerable position by assuming a posture that made head contact on an otherwise full body check unavoidable.

(VII) Whether the opponent materially changed the position of their body or head immediately prior to or simultaneously with the hit in a way that significantly contributed to the head contact.

48.2 MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Minor Penalty to any Player who delivers an "illegal check to the head or neck" of an opponent.

48.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by an "illegal check to the head or neck". Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

48.4 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

RULE 49 KICKING

49.1 KICKING

The action of a Player deliberately using their skate(s) with a kicking motion to propel the puck or to make contact with an opponent.

49.2 GOALS

Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones. A goal cannot be scored by an attacking Player who uses a "distinct kicking motion" to propel the puck into the net with their skate/foot. A goal cannot be scored by an attacking Player who "kicks" a puck that deflects into the net off any Player or official. A puck that deflects into the net off an attacking Player's skate who does not use a "distinct kicking motion" is a legitimate goal. A puck that is "directed" into the net by an attacking Player's skate shall be a legitimate goal as long as "no distinct kicking motion" is evident.

The following should clarify deflections following a "kicked puck" that enters the goal:

(I) A "kicked puck" that "deflects" off the body of any Player of either Team (including the Goalkeeper) shall be ruled "no goal".

(II) A "kicked puck" that "deflects" off the stick of any Player (excluding the Goalkeeper's stick) shall be ruled a "good goal".

(III) A goal will be allowed when an attacking Player "kicks" the puck, and the puck "deflects" off their own stick and then into the net.

(IV) A goal will be allowed when a puck enters the goal after "deflecting" off an attacking Player's skate or "deflects" off their skate while they are in the "process of stopping".

A goal cannot be scored by an attacking Player who "kicks" any equipment (stick, glove, helmet, etc.) at the puck, including "kicking" the blade of their own stick, causing the puck to cross the Goal Line.

49.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.

49.4 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.



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RULE 50 KNEEING

50.1 KNEEING

Kneeing is the act of a Player leading with their knee and in some cases extending their leg outwards to make contact with their opponent.

50.2 MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Minor Penalty, based on the severity of the infraction, to a Player guilty of "kneeing" an opponent.

50.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by "kneeing" and the player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Minor Penalty. Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction, severity of the contact, the degree of violence and the general reprehensibility involved.

50.4 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

RULE 51 ROUGHING

51.1 ROUGHING

Roughing is a punching or slamming motion with or without the glove on the hand, normally directed at the head or face of an opponent, or if a Player intentionally removes an opponent's helmet during play.

Roughing is a minor altercation that is not worthy of a Major Penalty to either participant.

51.2 MINOR PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Minor Penalty on a Player who strikes an opponent with their hand or fist, or if a Player intentionally removes an opponent's helmet during play pursuant. A Player who persists in continuing to be involved in roughing is subject to rules for "fighting"

51.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty to a Goalkeeper who uses their blocker glove to punch an opponent and the action is likely to result in injury to the opponent.

51.4 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

RULE 52 SLEW-FOOTING

52.1 SLEW-FOOTING

"Slew-footing" is the act of a Player using their leg or foot to knock or kick an opponent's feet from under them or pushes an opponent's upper body backward with an arm or elbow, and at the same time with a forward motion of their leg, knocks or kicks the opponent's feet from under them, causing them to fall violently to the ice.

52.2 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if a Player is guilty of "slew-footing" on an opposing Player.

52.3 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline



RULES CORNER



RULE 53 THROWING EQUIPMENT

53.1 THROWING EQUIPMENT

A Player shall not throw a stick or any other object in any zone. A Player who has lost or broken their stick may only receive a stick at their own Players' Bench or be handed one from a Teammate on the ice. Rule 10 – Sticks.

53.2 MINOR PENALTY

A Minor Penalty shall be imposed:

(I) For throwing a stick on any Player on the Ice, who throws their stick or any part thereof or any other object in the direction of the puck or an opponent in any zone, except when such act has been penalized by the assessment of a "Penalty Shot" (Rule 53.7) or the Awarding of a Goal (Rule 53.8);

(II) For throwing a stick when a defending Player shoots or throws a stick or any other object in the Defending Zone but not at the puck or puck carrier;

(III) For "interference" when a Player moves a stick that is not broken and it interferes with an opposing Player (except where a "Penalty Shot" Rule 53.7, or the Awarding of a Goal Rule 53.8 applies) or when the Player who lost said stick is prevented from retrieving it as a result; No penalty will be assessed if moving the non-broken stick if it does not interfere with the play or the opposing Player is not attempting to retrieve it.

(IV) When a Player discards the broken portion of a stick or some other object by tossing it or shooting it to the side of the ice (and not over the Boards) in such a way as to not interfere with the play or opposing Player(s), no penalty will be imposed for so doing. For "Unsportsmanlike Conduct", when a Player throws their stick or any part thereof or any other object or piece of equipment outside the Playing Area in protest of an Official's decision. For an additional Game Misconduct Penalty see Rule 53.5 – Game Misconduct Penalty.

53.3 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

Should any unidentifiable player, Coach, or team personnel on the Players' Bench or Penalty Box throw anything on the ice during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play, a Bench Minor Penalty for "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" shall be assessed. Rule 75 – Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

53.4 MISCONDUCT PENALTY

A Misconduct Penalty shall be imposed on a Player who "unintentionally" or "accidentally" throws their stick or any part thereof or any other object or piece of equipment outside the Playing Area.

53.5 GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

A Game Misconduct Penalty shall be imposed on a Player who intentionally throws their stick or any part thereof or any other object or piece of equipment outside the Playing Area. If the offense is committed in protest of an Official's decision, a Minor Penalty for "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" (Rule 53.2, iv) plus a Game Misconduct Penalty shall be assessed to the offending Player.

53.6 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty if a Player's action of "throwing a stick or any other object" or piece of equipment at an opposing Player, Coach or team personnel could result in injury to the opponent. Note: Such assessment of reckless endangerment shall be based on the severity of the infraction and the general reprehensibility involved.

53.7 PENALTY SHOT

When any member of the defending Team, including the Coach or any team personnel, throws or shoots any part of a stick or any other object or piece of equipment at the puck or puck carrier in their Defending Zone, the Referee or Linesperson shall allow the play to be completed and if a goal is not scored, the Referee shall award a "Penalty Shot" to the non-offending Team. This shot shall be taken by any Player of the non-offending Team. If a Player on a breakaway in the Neutral or Attacking Zone is interfered with by a stick or any other object or piece of equipment that is thrown by any member of the defending Team, including the Coach or any team personnel, the Referee shall award a "Penalty Shot" to the non-offending Team. Rule 24.8 – Infractions

If a Player on a "breakaway" in the Neutral or Attacking Zone is interfered with by an object thrown on the ice by a spectator that causes them to lose possession of the puck or to fall, the Referee shall award a "Penalty Shot" to the non-offending Team.



RULES CORNER



53.8 AWARDED GOAL

If, when the opposing Goalkeeper has been removed, a member of the defending Team, including the Coach or any team personnel, throws or shoots any part of a stick or any other object or piece of equipment at the puck or puck carrier in the Neutral or their own Defending Zone, thereby preventing the puck carrier from having a “clear shot” on an “open net”, a goal shall be awarded to the attacking side. For the purpose of this rule, an “open net” is defined as one from which a Goalkeeper has been removed for an additional attacking Player. The Goalkeeper is considered off the ice once the replacement Player has entered the Playing Surface.

53.9 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Whilst Sheffield Steelers were providing free diving lessons last Sunday, Flyers were purely focused on turning the old bus round and getting out of the divot strewn car park onto a smoother road. It was a relief to see Flyers pick up a well-earned win and glorious to have done it against a team that feel so entitled to the win that they chirp the officials at every call and even, in the case of Vallerand, have the bad grace to make their mouth go on the final whistle.

In all fairness the last time Sheffield visited their win was inflated by a fluke goal along with an empty net goal, Flyers were not far off the mark on that night so perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that having picked off Giants in Belfast recently that this Flyers team have it in them to skate with anyone on any given night.

Saturday night will see Flyers ride into Manchester to take on the Storm who have interim Head Coach Mike Morin in charge after Mike Flanagan and Storm agreed to part ways. By then Storm will have played their first game under Morin, in Glasgow, on Friday. Flyers and Storm are in a similar situation being tipped to ride the pine come play off time, but as we all know, with quite a way to go until the final regulation game of the season anything can happen.

As Aaron Fox pointed out after a nil point weekend for his team of penalty salesmen, Steelers have lost two more games than table topping Devils though with thirty plus games to play, including against each other, that deficit could shrink as easy as it could grow.

Same could be said at the bottom of the table where any team that goes on a decent run could end up in a comfortable position within a few weeks.

Already you can see Devils with a nose out front though Flyers were twenty minutes away from giving them a scudding in the Auld Barn. Until last Sunday it has been close but no cigar in so many games and it was such a relief to get another win under the belt. The team deserved that and more. On Sunday Flyers host Guildford who are in that mid table mix and have recorded nine wins and an overtime loss from their sixteen games played. Flyers, having lost by three goals per game in this season's two meetings, will be looking to close that gap and attain a vital home win after Flames play Panthers at home in Guildford on Saturday.

Flames have earned themselves an un-Guildford like reputation this season. When the game seems out their reach they seem to switch to some kind of Manchester mode and start gooning it up. It's almost as if Steelers spat their dummy out at some point and Flames found it. Paul Dixon never struck me as the sort of chap to run a team like and it has taken us all by surprise.

Also cause for surprise was the news that Ben Brown has joined Flyers on a two-way arrangement and it was good to see both Ben and Aiden Wilson in action over last weekend. That flags up that behind the scenes there has been a great deal of effort to get these guys in training with Flyers with a view to getting them into games and logging vital ice time. Though I wasn't through in Clanland last weekend I did hear that Aiden Wilson did not seem out of place and despite not being the biggest player on the team can put up with the physical stuff.

Fingers crossed that will allay the fears and sneck the criticisms from various quarters as the organisation moves forward with the difficult task of recruiting young Brits capable of playing at this level.

It's hard to believe that on the top line Phelix Martineau is the weak link when it comes to points per game and that would have to be said very tongue in cheek as his fifteen points in fifteen games weighs up against Mike Cichy with eighteen points and Lucas Chiodo with nineteen. For the record – Lucas had forty-four points from fifty four games last season and if he continues to pick up points at the same pace he could be through the sixty points barrier by season end.

It now looks like we can start to add a solid looking second line into the mix with the Foss/Stallard/Carozza line looking as if they could start causing a bit of mayhem.

You get the feeling that the ship has steadied somewhat, and that Flyers are finding their course. Whilst we cannot win every game between now and April it has become more encouraging these last few weeks.

There's no better time to get behind your team than now.

Darrian

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WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Chic Cottrell, whose cheekbone was broken in four places in an accident at practice last month, resumed light training this week and is expected to be back in action early in the New Year, while Michael Kane, who broke his collar bone in the same accident, is also back in training. There is also good news about the Latto brothers, Dougie and Gordon. Surprisingly, Dougie is expected to travel south with Flyers for this weekend's matches against Southampton and Streatham. He was left with a badly bruised back after colliding with the boards in Saturday's game against Streatham, and although he missed practise on Tuesday, he may be fit enough to play either tomorrow or Sunday. Gordon is still trouble with an ankle injury, and only played a handful of shifts on Saturday, and is likely to be used only sparingly again this weekend. Flyers are travelling overnight by coach in order to give themselves a few hours to recover before tomorrow's match against bottom of the table Southampton Vikings which is being played at Oxford with a 5 pm face-off. Vikings are the only side Flyers have not yet met in the Heineken Premier League this season, and the Kirkcaldy side will be red hot favourites to take both points. Player-coach Ron Plumb said yesterday: "Southampton have been finding it tough going so far, and I am glad that we are playing them before Streatham. It should be the easier of the two matches and should help to get us in shape for the game against the Redskins". Sunday's match sees Flyers return to the scene of their Bluecol Cup Final defeat and Plumb now knows what to expect at the Streatham rink. "We have to learn to adapt to smaller rinks and we might change our game plan to suit the conditions" he explained. "Having beaten Streatham at Kirkcaldy, we will have a psychological advantage over them, but they will be a different team on their own ice. We started off rather hesitantly on Saturday, but we gradually wore them down, and played especially well in the third period. There was no real adverse reaction to losing in the Bluecol Cup Final and the fact that we had not beaten Stratham for so long made us more determined to go out and win" Plumb Added. Meanwhile, Flyers travel to Dundee next Wednesday for an Angus Challenge Cup match against Rockets.

Ice hockey is to be televised from Kirkcaldy Ice Rink later this season for the first time in 20 years. BBC Television have secured the exclusive rights to cover the Heineken Premier League, and the cameras will be there for one of Fife Flyers' home matches. No date has yet been finalised, but the match will have a 1 p.m. face-off for live transmission on "Grandstand". BBC intend screening a live "game of the month", and will also cover the semi-finals and final of the Championship at Wembley on May 4 and 5. Flyers already know that their away game against Dundee Rockets on Wednesday, January 16, will be covered by BBC Scotland. The match has been brought forward from Sunday, January 20.

15/12/1984 Southampton Vikings v Fife Flyers Premier League

Player-coach Ron Plumb hit his first hattrick for Fife Flyers as they demolished Southampton Vikings at Oxford on Saturday. It was Plumb who opened Flyers' account after seven minutes, and three minutes later, he added a second. Dave Stoyanovich it 3-0 nine seconds later before St Jean pulled one back for the Vikings. However, goals by Allan Aderson and Stoyanovich again took the Flyers to a comfortable 5-1 lead at the end of the first period. Although Merkosky reduced the deficit within a minute of the restart, Gordon Latto restored Flyers four-goal advantage midway through the period. Quick goals by Neil Abel and Stoyanovich top complete his hat trick made it 8-2 for the Kirkcaldy side at the buzzer. Merkosky again pulled one back at the start of the third period but five minutes later Ron Plumb found the net to complete his hattrick. Danny Brown then scored his only goal of the night to take Flyers top double figures with St Jean replying for Southampton. Flyers emphasised their superiority with goals by Stoyanovich and Abel in the last four minutes.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

16/12/1984 Streatham Redskins v Fife Flyers Premier League

Under-strength Flyers lost the chance to close the gap on Murrayfield Racers at the top of the Heineken Premier League when they were beaten by Streatham on Sunday night. And despite out-shooting Redskins 57-46, they were unable to repeat their victory over the London side the previous week. Danny Brown put Flyers ahead after nine minutes, but Streatham hit back with three goals in five minutes by Quiney, Rich and Goldstone. However an unassisted goal by Dave Stoyanovich and a Gordon Latto effort just five seconds from the buzzer tied the scores. Redskins led twice in the second period thanks to goals by Cloonan and Howell but Brown and Neil Abel left the match poised at 5-5 going into the final period. Within seconds of the redstart Stefan again put Streatham ahead but Brown made it 6-6 with his third of the night. Ther home side then grabbed what proved to be the winner through Melancon midway through the period with Ron Plumb in the penalty box.

19/12/1984 Dundee Rockets v Fife Flyers Angus Challenge Cup

Flyers recorded their fourth successive victory over Dundee Rockets this season with a runaway win in the Angus Challenge Cup on Wednesday night. Rockets managed to stay in striking distance of the Kirkcaldy side until mid-way through the match, but had no answer when Flyers moved into top gear. The Dundee side iced the same side that beat Murrayfield at the weekend, and went ahead after two minutes with a goal by Bois. Ron Plumb and Dave Stoyanovich then hit back to give Flyers the lead, only for Ronnie Wood to make it 2-2 at the end of the first period. Danny Brown put the visitors ahead eight minutes into the second period and then a burst of three goals in 90 seconds by Jimmy Pennycook, Brown and Stoyanovich stretched the Flyers lead to 6-2 before Bois pulled one back. Flyers ran riot early on in the final period scoring an astonishing five goals within the space of six minutes with Stoyanovich hitting three, Pennycook grabbing his second of the match and then Plumb scoring from the halfway line. Young Blair Page then made it 12-3 before Bois got a consolation counter for Rockets with two minutes remaining. Outstanding for Flyers was Craig Dickson in goal.



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



It was a productive weekend for two of the club's junior teams, with **Fife Redwings** and **Fife Falcons** winning their respective league games.

The Redwings claimed an impressive home victory over Murrayfield U12, which should boost their confidence for the challenges which lie ahead. The squad is relatively youthful this season, which means they are often battling against older opponents during games. However, they laid down a marker on Saturday, with numerous players weighing in with goals and assists against Murrayfield. The game was particularly noteworthy for Kobi Wishart, Harry Baillie and Owen Wotherspoon, who netted their first goals at U12 level. Adam Aird was the Redwings' MVP, while Mason Kelly deserves a huge pat on the back for supporting his teammates from the bench after missing out through injury.

The Falcons showed plenty of character in their victory at Dundee Stars U19 on Sunday, battling back from a two-goal deficit to claim a 4-3 victory. Josh Saunders (2), Joe Somerville and Caiden Forbes got the goals, while Cameron Bease was the MVP. When the players dialled in as a collective unit, they looked like a team that was never getting beat. However, when the concentration wasn't spot on, they struggled. Despite this, taking the points from a difficult place to play bodes well for the team's chances of enjoying a successful season.



The **Fife Ducks LTP** squad hit the road for some Under-10s cross-ice fun in Dumfries on Saturday. With numerous players bolstering the Redwings team in their home game against Murrayfield U12, it was a much younger and less experienced group which travelled south. Competing against a couple of physically bigger teams from across the border, the Ducks stood firm and battled extremely hard. Every game was tight, with just a couple of goals separating the teams in each contest.

It was a well-organised and fun event, with youngsters from across Scotland and England getting loads of ice time and enjoying themselves. Liam Coles and Struan Patterson picked up the Player of the Match awards, while Oban Hutchison was the MVP for the day.











Kirkcaldy Kestrels suffered a gut-wrenching home defeat against Dundee Rockets in the Scottish National League (SNL) on Saturday. The Kestrels worked themselves into a superb position at Fife Ice Arena but were eventually overhauled as the Rockets battled back to snatch a 6-5 overtime win. Goals by Grant Jamieson, Jamie Wilson and Joe Somerville gave the Kestrels a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period. George Pitcaithly extended the advantage early in the second session before the Rockets finally got on the scoreboard in the 22nd minute. Pitcaithly restored the home side's four-goal cushion after 31 minutes, but the visitors scored their second goal before the end of the period. The Kestrels looked to be on their way to victory midway through the final session, but the Rockets bagged three goals in six minutes to send the game to overtime. They subsequently netted the winner 96 seconds into the additional period to complete a remarkable comeback.

While the end result was frustrating, the Kestrels could take plenty of positives from the game. Their roster contained six Under-19 players – three of whom are aged just 15. All of the players will collectively learn from what was undoubtedly a missed opportunity to defeat the best team they have faced this season. The Kestrels hit the road this weekend, visiting Kilmarnock Thunder in the SNL on Saturday before facing Edinburgh Capitals in the first leg of their Scottish Cup final the following day.

TABLES & FIXTURES



SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	17	28	14	0	3	0	65	32	0.82	
Coventry Blaze	14	21	9	1	3	1	56	36	0.75	
Guildford Flames	16	19	9	0	6	1	49	41	0.59	
Sheffield Steelers	14	18	8	1	5	0	59	41	0.64	
Belfast Giants	14	18	8	0	4	2	50	39	0.64	
Nottingham Panthers	15	16	6	2	7	0	45	38	0.53	
Dundee Stars	16	13	4	2	9	1	48	64	0.41	
Glasgow Clan	15	10	4	1	10	0	36	58	0.33	
Manchester Storm	14	8	4	0	10	0	42	67	0.29	
Fife Flyers	15	6	2	0	11	2	40	74	0.2	

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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	12	15	7	0	4	1	40	34	0.63	
Dundee Stars	12	9	3	1	7	1	38	41	0.38	
Fife Flyers	12	7	2	1	8	1	28	56	0.29	

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
76	Fri	6-Dec-2024	Glasgow Clan	Manchester Storm	19:30
77	Sat	7-Dec-2024	Guildford Flames	Nottingham Panthers	18:00
78	Sat	7-Dec-2024	Cardiff Devils	Belfast Giants	19:00
79	Sat	7-Dec-2024	Glasgow Clan	Dundee Stars	19:00
80	Sat	7-Dec-2024	Manchester Storm	Fife Flyers	19:00
81	Sat	7-Dec-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Coventry Blaze	19:00
82	Sun	8-Dec-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Cardiff Devils	16:00
83	Sun	8-Dec-2024	Dundee Stars	Sheffield Steelers	17:00
84	Sun	8-Dec-2024	Fife Flyers	Guildford Flames	17:15
85	Sun	8-Dec-2024	Coventry Blaze	Belfast Giants	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	Lost	4-5
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30	Lost	2-9
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	2-5
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15	Won	5-3
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		
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FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

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



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