



# THE FLYER



VS



**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024**  
ELITE LEAGUE





# COOLEN'S COMMENTS

In Manchester last Saturday we battled back from going a goal down with our power play scoring and getting the go ahead goal on our next shift. Penalties then came into play. Both teams played hard and I can't fault our guys for their effort. It was another single shot game late on which we have to be able to start finding ways of getting points from.

Last Sunday at home I looked at the statistics of the match and the two teams matched up pretty even across shorts, face offs etc and more even than the final scoreline suggested. Hats off to Guildford they are another good team with good speed and were sitting second in the league at that point although things went badly for them during the week in Sheffield.

But the bottom line as always is we didn't score and they did and that's what it is all about. Our finishing was off and that's something that hasn't been an issue in recent games. Looking at our top line they went into the game as the highest scoring line in the league and they seemed to just miss on a lot of occasions. That extra pass that got away, bobbling pucks and I thought that line turned the puck over more than they have done in most matches. That said it's not just on those guys and for our whole team it wasn't a great a great night for offensive production.

We have obviously made some roster changes again this week and has been unfortunate with how things worked out but we look to the future and there will be more information in due course on the roster.

This weekend we should have the inclusion of both Ben Brown and Aiden Wilson for our home game. Naturally it will be another challenging couple of games as we have already seen what both Nottingham and Coventry can do but we will be giving it our all.





I'm a naturally positive person and firmly believe that if we keep the faith that we can get things turned around. It's a marathon not a sprint, there are still plenty of games to be played and we are not that far behind teams above us but we need to start picking up wins, especially at home and quickly.

We will stay with the fight, our room remains positive and I still see improvements over the last month in our team which has us trending in the right direction

Away we go.

**Tom**

# MATCH REPORT

Saturday 7th December 2024				4		2 Elite League		
Period Scores 1-0, 1-2, 2-0								
Lineups	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓	Ryan Foss	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Nikolai Shulga	✗
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✗	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Ben Brown	✗	Fynn Page	✗
Sewell	Refs	Anderson		Arnold	Lines men	Smith		

The Flyers made their first visit of the season to Planet Ice Altrincham with the earlier two games against the Manchester Storm in Kirkcaldy being shared following a win each. The Storm were looking to break a six game losing skid and scratched Tyler Hinam. For the visitors Janis Voris, Nikolai Shulga along with two-way players James Spence, Fynn Page, Ben Brown and Aiden Wilson were all scratched.

Shane Owen made the games first save in the 2nd minute as the Storm were looking for a close in tip around his crease but he stood firm. Daniel Krenželok gave Evan Weninger his first action of the night in the 3rd minute when he smothered the shot from the point. Moments later Weninger had difficulty with a Jordan Stallard back hand shot that he fought off. Owen made a save from a Joe Morrow wrist shot from the top of the slot in the 4th minute and shortly afterwards the Storm went on the first power play of the night as Patrick Kyte shot the puck over the glass for a delay of game penalty. Owen had to flop on the puck in a scramble around his crease following some patient set up play by the Storm. Ryan Foss stickhandled the puck up ice on a shorthanded bid and forced a save from Weninger. The Flyers had another breakaway with a 2 on 1 with Phélix Martineau testing Weninger with a shot who padded the puck away as the Flyers completed the kill. Weninger was again in action in the 7th minute when he got a pad on a shot from Foss from the circles. In the 10th minute a Chase Harrison slap shot from the blue line was blockered away by Owen. In the 15th minute Jake Durflinger was denied twice by Owen in a matter of seconds as he saw the Fife keeper get a pad on his first shot and then make a fantastic toe save at full stretch to stop a close range tip. Ther were offsetting minor roughing penalties for Tyler Heidt and Durflinger before Patrick Kyte found himself back in the penalty box in the 16th minute as he was called for interference. The Flyers again looked dangerous with another shorthanded chance by Michael Cichy which again called Weninger into action. The Storm couldn't get a clean sight of the Flyers goal who had one further shorthanded chance with Martineau forcing a save from Weninger as the visitors returned to full strength. With 90 seconds to go in the period Owen Griffiths found himself all alone with just Owen to beat but the Fife keeper made the save. The Storm were on the power play again in the 19th minute when Foss got the gate for a slash. With only 10 seconds remaining on the clock the Storm opened the scoring when Owen was about to glove the puck on the ice but it was tipped to Grant Herbert who had a simple tap in at the post. The goal released the bears from the stands.

## PERIOD 2

Owen had the first save of the second period when he stopped a spin around shot by Alexis D'Aoust in the opening minute. The Storm came even closer in their next attack but a wicked shot skimmed the crossbar. Madi Dikhanbek forced Weininger's first save of the middle period in the 23rd minute when he was denied in the slot. Storm cycled the puck well in the Flyers zone in the opening five minutes but without seriously troubling Owen. In the 25th minute the Flyers had a chance as the puck broke to Michael Cichy in the slot but he couldn't get a handle on it with just Weninger to beat. In the 27th minute a tight angled shot by Stephen Johnson flew across the face of the Flyers goal. The Flyers broke up ice with Noah Delmas up supporting the rush before he passed over the Cichy coming down the right wing but Weninger snuffed out the danger.

# MATCH REPORT

In the 30th minute Weninger went post to post and somehow with Martineau and Cichy trying to get a vital touch the puck stayed out of the Storm net. Weninger was becoming increasingly busier and Massimo Carozza had the next Flyers chance but once again the home goalie stood his ground. The Flyers had an odd man break in the 34th minute but again a final touch proved elusive for the Cichy, Chiodo and Martineau line. Owen then produced a big glove save to deny Dallas Ehrhardt from close quarters. In the 35th minute Loren Ulett took exception to a mid ice hip check by Dikhanbek and was penalized for roughing to put Flyers on their first power play. Weninger made a shoulder save to deny Cichy but he could do nothing about a tip from Martineau who was planted on the lip of his crease as he tipped a Chiodo pass through the goalies legs to tie the game. Just over a minute later the Flyers took the lead when Austin Farley got the puck out to the front of the net and Drake Pilon slid on his stomach to get his stick on the puck and it found its way into the net. Flyers tails were up and in the 38th minute they were on the rush again when Chiodo drove the net and collided with Weninger. The Storm went back on the power play with goaltender interference the call. The Storm quickly got the game tied up again when a Joe Morrow shot from the blue line was tipped past Owen by D'Aoust. The play was reviewed for a high stick but the call on the ice was upheld. In the 39th minute Pilon intercepted the puck in neutral ice and drove down then left wing before firing a shot that Weninger snapped the glove on. Foss had the final chance of the period as he drifted a shot over the crossbar from the slot.

## PERIOD 3

After a cautious opening few minutes to start the 3rd period Heidt went on a mazy skate with the puck down the ice and Weninger almost had it deflect past him as he sat on it to make the save. The Flyers who made a bright start to the period were suddenly under pressure and Owen stood on his head in the 44th minute when he sprawled post to post to deny Craig Martin with a diving save on his goal line. The Storm regained the lead again in the 46th minute when they won a face off in the Flyers zone and put the puck back to Morrow at the point. His shot through a crowd of players went just inside the far post. In the 48th minute the Storm threatened again when they played the puck around the Flyers net and D'Aoust fired just wide. A minute later and a sweeping move by the Flyers saw the puck fed to Martineau down below the circles but Weninger got square to the shooter to make the save. Owen made a big pad save on Stephen Johnson after Storm forced a turnover in the Flyers defensive zone. The Flyers came close in the 56th minute when they surged down the ice and Martineau was just wide with his effort. Brodie Kay decided to drive the Storm zone in the 58th minute and Weninger deflected his shot over with his shoulder. D'Aoust had a clear look at Owen moments later but he pulled his shot wide of target and with 68 seconds remaining the Flyers forced a face off in the Storm end and called their time out. Owen was pulled for the extra skater and Storm won the first three draws as they were content to ice the puck. Eventually getting the puck down the ice without an icing the Storm iced the game with an empty netter when Johnston pick pocketed the puck from a Flyers defender and his mishit shot slithered into the unguarded cage.

Storm Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Hebert	D'Aoust	Martin	1	Martineau	Chiodo	Delmas	For	
28	D'Aoust	Morrow	Martin	2	Pilon	Krenželok	Farley	21	
Shots	Morrow	Harrison	Hebert	3				Shots	
Against	Johnson			4				Against	
21				5				28	
PIMS				6				PIMS	
4				7				10	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
D'Aoust				10				Owen	



# STORM MATCH NIGHT ACTION



MANCHESTER STORM







# GETTING TO KNOW #43

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## JORDAN STALLARD

*Date of Birth - September 18th 1997*

*Age - 27*

*Place of Birth - Brandon, Manitoba*

*Position - Forward*

*Shoots - Left*

*Height - 187cm/6'2"*

*Weight - 85kg/187lbs*

*Professional Hockey Career*

*2022-23 - Manchester Storm (EIHL),  
EHC Klostersee (Germany 3)*

*2023-24 - Knoxville IceBears (SPHL),  
Kansas City Mavericks, Utah Grizzlies  
(ECHL), Hokki (Mestis)*





# #43 WE ASKED...

## 1. What other sports did you play growing up?

Baseball and Golf

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

My parents

## 3. Who is the best player you have played with?

Travis Sanheim and Jake Bean

## 4. Who is the best player you have played against?

Brayden Point and Sam Reinhart

## 5. What is the most memorable game you have played in?

Playing in front of 22,000 fans with the Calgary Hitmen for their annual teddy bear toss game when I was 18.

## 6. What is your favourite/least favourite rink to play in?

Favourite is our home rink and least favourite is Coventry

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

I wouldn't make any changes!

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

I don't have any particular team I cheer for, or against. I just like watching all hockey to appreciate different players skillsets and how they impact their team.

## 9. Most admired hockey player and why?

Joe Sakic who played for the Colorado Avalanche is a player I looked up to when I was a kid. He had one of the best shots in the league and his on-ice vision was great.

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

Hard work, dedication and the belief that you can achieve your goals. And of course, enjoy every moment of being on the ice, and around your teammates as these relationships you create can last a lifetime.

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

I believe my play making ability is the strongest part to my game. I am always trying to improve every aspect of my game, but striving to be a very good defensive player is something I take pride in.

## 12. Pre-game routine?

Going for a walk to get fresh air and getting a good nap in.

## 13. Pre-game meal?

Chicken and Rice

## 14. Any gameday superstitions?

Putting the right side of my equipment on first

## 15. Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Baseball and Golf

## 16. Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

NFL and Golf

## 17. Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Tiger Woods

## 18. Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Detroit Lions in the NFL

## 19. Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

## 20. Favourite TV show(s)?

Recently 'The Penguin' and 'How I met your Mother'

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

Pizza or Steak

## 22. Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Diet Coke

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

Will Ferrel, Will Forte, Bob Dylan, Post Malone

## 24. Favourite singer/music/band?

Mt. Joy

## 25. What is your favourite vacation destination?

Any place with good weather or great scenery

## 26. What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Math was my favourite and science was my least favourite

## 27. What is your go to Karaoke song?

Under the Bridge – Red Hot Chilli Peppers

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

The Eagles or Red Hot Chilli Peppers. Guitar

## 29. Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Stally Wagon

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

Ability to fly

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

Phone, Mattress, Guitar





## 32. How many languages do you speak?

one

## 33. If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

Golfer

# MATCH REPORT

Sunday 8th December 2024			0		4	Elite League	
Period Scores 0-1, 0-2, 0-1							
L	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓	Massimo Carozza ✓
i	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau ✓
n			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Aiden Wilson ✗
e			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Drake Pilon ✓
U			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Nikolai Shulga ✗
p			Patrick Kyte	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	James Spence ✗
s			Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Fynn Page	✗	Ben Brown ✓
Brown		Refs	Rodger		Rodger	Lines men	Dolan

The Flames visited the Fife Ice Arena for the second time this season with a roster that had been badly hit by injuries in recent weeks. Missing from their line up were Kyle Locke, Charlie Dodero, Jake Coughler and Brett Welychka. Sean Norris departed for the NIHL in midweek and a recent addition to their line-up saw the return to familiar ice for Sam Jones. The Flyers made only one change to the team that went down to the Manchester Storm the previous evening with the addition of Ben Brown. James Spence, Janis Voris, Nikolai Shulga and Fynn Page were the scratches.

The first shots of the game came in the 3rd minute when Jake Kupsky made a routine pad save from a long rang effort by Ryan Foss and followed that up with a solid stop on Austin Farley in the slot and also the follow up shot by Patrick Kyte. Shane Owen then had to blocker away an effort by the Flames as both goalies got into the game. A big chance came the way of the Flyers in the 7th minute when a loose puck landed on the stick of Lucas Chiodo but his shot was deflected high by a Flames defenseman. The visitors opened the scoring in the 9th minute when Owen failed to hold a shot from the point by Sam Jones and Ethan Strang was Johnny on the Spot to pick up the rebound and find the back of the net. In the 12th minute Flames almost doubled their advantage when Owen bit on a Flames shot and was out of position with the puck eventually being deflected back towards him where he was able to flop on it for a whistle. The Flames threatened again in the 14th minute with a sweeping move that ended with Josh Waller letting a one timer go from the slot that caught metal and bounced to safety. The Flyers had threatened little since the opening minutes and in the 18th minute Phélix Martineau carried the puck over the blue line and his low shot brought a fine left pad save from Kupsky. In the final minute of the period a backdoor play saw Daniel Catenacci denied by fantastic reaction blocker save by Owen.

## PERIOD 2

The Flyers made a bright start to the second period and after 30 seconds of a sustained cycle Kupsky had to come up with a save on a big one timer from the blue line by Olivier LeBlanc. In the 21st minute Massimo Carozza on a rush up ice forced a pad save from the Guildford goalie. The Flyers went on the powerplay in the 24th minute when Lewis Hook was binned for tripping. The Flyers had lots of possession in the Flames end of the ice but couldn't fashion any clear sight lines to get shots on Kupsky in the net and the visitors completed the kill. Kupsky did exceptionally well in the 26th minute to get his shoulder to a wicked shot by Carozza and a minute later LeBlanc was called for a trip to send the Flames back onto the power play. Flames possessed the puck well in the Flyers zone but Owen didn't see much action until near the end of the penalty as he flashed the leather to deny Daniel Tedesco. The Flyers returned to full strength. In the 32nd minute the Flyers broke on an odd man rush and the Flames deflected the puck away from their net sending them the other way on a 2 on 1 which Owen stood tall on to make a vital save against Strang. The Flames were back on the power play in the 33rd minute when Daniel Krenželok was called for cross checking.



# MATCH REPORT

The visitors made their hosts pay when Travis Brown from the blue line fired in a shot that Hook got a deflection on to send the puck into the top corner of the net. From the restart the Flames swarmed down the ice again and the speedy Ryan Tait was denied by a huge save by Owen. In the final minute of the period the Flames added a third goal after a very unfortunate bounce for the Flyers that saw the puck hit the linesman in an attempted dump in that allowed the Flames to break down the left hand side and Daniel Catenacci picked the bottom corner on Owen.

## PERIOD 3

The Flames started the third with an aggressive forecheck and cycle in the Flyers zone but the home defence kept them at bay. In the 46th minute the Flyers had a half chance when the puck broke to Martineau all alone in the slot but he was off balance and his attempted shot on the spin went wide of the post. Kupsky was happy to freeze the puck as he covered up in the 49th minute following a scramble around his net. The Flames appeared content to sit back and soak up the Flyers pressure and hit on the counter attack and in the 50th minute Owen had to come up with a solid save to deny Strang who continued to get himself into good positions. Ben Brown was given more regular shifts up on the second line and in the 51st minute he was shut down at the back post by Kupsky. The Flames broke 2 on 1 in the 53rd minute but Strang couldn't solve Owen as he went in all alone on the Fife goal. Austin Farley had a chance in the 54th minute as he swiveled to get a shot in at the far post but Kupsky was alert to his effort. The Flames were back on the power play in the 56th minute when Drake Pilon was called for cross checking. Patrick Kyte made a big shot block and Owen gloved a long range blast by Jones as the Flyers completed the kill and tried to break the shutout in the final two minutes. The Flames held strong and added another goal in the final 30 seconds when the puck was coughed up in the neutral zone allowing Jack Jacome to go in alone on Owen who despite getting a piece of the puck couldn't stop it from trickling in behind him.

Flyers Stats					Flames Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For				1	Strang	Jones	Catenacci	For	
29				2	Hook	Brown	Tait	34	
Shots				3	Catenacci	Taiot	Crocock	Shots	
Against				4	Jacome	Tedesco		Against	
34				5				29	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
6				7				2	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Krenželok				10				Kupsky	



# FLAMES 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	25	0	2	2	0	0	0	6	1020	0.89	4.37	0	0	1484	108
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	19	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	29	1	9	10	1	4	5			0		5	5	8	29
Madi Dikhanbek	D	27	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	42
Tyler Heidt	D	28	3	8	11	1	2	3			0	2	6	8	24	52
Brodie Kay	D	27	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	18
Daniel Krenželok	D	28	3	5	8	1	3	4			0	2	2	4	36	99
Patrick Kyte	D	26	0	4	4		1	1			0		3	3	35	36
Olivier LeBlanc	D	23	0	8	8		1	1			0		7	7	14	21
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	29	11	22	33	4	6	10			0	7	16	23	8	75
Michael Cichy	F	28	13	11	24	4	2	6			0	9	9	18	6	59
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	16	3	6	9	1		1			0	2	6	8	8	36
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	29	17	14	31	5	5	10			0	12	9	21	16	116
Maxim Musorov	F	22	5	4	9		1	1			0	5	3	8	6	46
Drake Pilon	F	27	3	7	10		2	2			0	3	5	8	51	51
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	17	4	5	9	1	4	5			0	3	1	4	10	27
Aiden Wilson	F	5	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	2
Massimo Carozza	F	8	1	2	3		1	1			0	1	1	2	0	16
Jordan Stallard	F	6	1	1	2			0			0	1	1	2	0	8
Ben Brown	F	2	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	4
Players in BLUE are everresents																
Inc All Competitions														Team	14	
Figures as at 08/12/2024		Totals	70	124	192	19	37	56	0	0	0	51	85	136	262	838
			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	7

# WEEK 14 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

## On Saturday night.....

### Manchester Storm 4 Fife Flyers 2 - Elite League

The Flyers have now lost on 5 consecutive visits to the Manchester Storm, their longest winless run in Altrincham in the EIHL era.

Manchester had 6 shots on Flyers net in the second period, they fewest given up by Flyers in a period this season.

The 28 Storm shots on Flyers net is also the lowest number the Flyers have given up this season in a game.

The Flyers gave up their 7th empty net goal of the season. This was also the 100th empty net goal they have given up in all EIHL competitions. Storm have 7 of those.

The Flyers scored a power play goal for the 4th consecutive game which is a season high.

There were 79 face offs in the game which is the most in a game this season. The Flyers were a minus 25 at the dot which is their worst in a game this season.

Phélix Martineau has scored in each of the meetings with Storm this season.

## On Sunday night.....

### Fife Flyers 0 Guildford Flames 4 – Elite League

The Guildford Flames recorded their first shutout against the Flyers in Kirkcaldy in the EIHL era. It was the Flames 3rd shutout in all EIHL competitions. They have one previous shutout on Flyers ice in November 2004 in the BNL.

It was the 4th time this season that the Flyers have been blanked which leads all teams.

Guildford are perfect on their penalty kill against the Flyers this season having killed all 10 Flyers power plays.

The Flames are the only team the Flyers have yet to score a goal against with the man advantage.

Flyers are now 0 and 17 when behind after two periods of play this season, this is also the same stat when the Flyers lose the second period.

Lucas Chiodo and Drake Pilon had their active team best three game points streaks ended.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's							
2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	8	44 Sam Anderson	2	77 James Ions	1
3 Tom Pering		20 Pavel Halas	7	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	1	24 Rene Jensen	1
9 Joe Sewell	2	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	8	52 Stephen Matthews	2		





# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 15



### Recent Form Guide

The last meeting of the teams was the first weekend of November. Since then the Panthers they have been solely in league action with their remaining Challenge Cup fixture taking place on the weekend before Christmas with qualification to the next round already assured. There is the little matter of who they will match up with to be decided when they meet the Cardiff Devils who need at least a point to qualify. A Devils win will see the Panthers in the play in round against Glasgow with any other result seeing Nottingham automatically progress. After their shootout win against the Flyers the Panthers went on to lose their next three matches which has been their longest winless streak of the season. A home 4-2 reversal against the Sheffield Steelers preceded back to back odd goal in 7 losses on the road as the Glasgow Clan and Coventry picked up the points over that weekend. Back at the Motorpoint Arena for a home doubleheader the Panthers then made it a four point weekend with a 3-2 overtime win against the Belfast Giants and a 4-1 win against the visiting Manchester Storm. The game against Belfast saw Jaakko Niskala score and to date it is the only Panthers goal so far from one of their blueliners this season. A trip to Sheffield saw the Panthers win for the first time in over 20 games against their biggest rivals and with a narrow 3-2 Panthers win against the Dundee Stars the following night in Nottingham they had a four game winning streak which so far has been their best this season. Last weekend they picked up a point in a see saw battle with the Guildford Flames at the Spectrum as the home side eventually won in overtime 5-4. Back on home ice the following night they sent the league leading Cardiff Devils back to Wales pointless after a 3-1 win. Before hosting the Flyers this weekend the Panthers start their weekend action with a trip to play the Manchester Storm on Friday night.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO PANTHERS

Sunday 6th October 2024			5	1		Elite League	
Flames Stats					Flyers Stats		
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist
Betteridge	Stefanson	Tetlow	33	Goal 1	Chiodo	Musorov	
Kontos	Nieminen	Spencer	Shots Against	Goal 2			
Herr	Henbrant	Kelsall	22	Goal 3			
Roy	Kontos	Nieminen	PiMS	Goal 4			
Doherty	Wichers	Betteridge	2	Goal 5			
				Goal 6			
			Goalie	Goal 7			
			Bednard	Goal 8			
				Goal 9			
				Goal 10			

### OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST PANTHERS

P 31 W 10 L 21 F 78 A 102

### Number Crunching

The Panthers are the form team at the moment having picked up 11 of 12 points over their last six games.

The Flyers have lost their last three meetings with the Panthers.

Discounting shootout goals the Flyers require three more goals to hit 200 against the Panthers in all EIHL competitions.

Lucas Chiodo and Hugo Roy have both scored in the two meetings between the teams so far this season. Otto Nieminen has goals in 4 of the last 5 games for the Panthers against the Flyers.

The Panthers have conceded 21% of their goals against total across all EIHL competitions this season in the first period which is lowest amongst all teams.

The Panthers have the third fewest shots on goal with an average of 30.72 whilst Flyers have fastest with 28.9 per game.

The Panthers have the third best goals against total of all teams across all EIHL competitions with 67 conceded which is almost half of the 138 conceded by the Flyers albeit who have played four more games.

Both teams are 1 for 3 on their respective power plays in the two games played this season.







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

## Friday 6th December

### **Glasgow Clan 4 Manchester Storm 1 Elite League**

(0-1, 0-0, 4-0) SOG 43-24 PIMs 6-6 Att 2833

Glasgow Clan scored four third-period goals to come from behind and beat Manchester Storm on Friday night at Braehead Arena. Storm, who had Mike Morin and Ryan Finnerty behind the bench after firing Mike Flanagan midweek, would have been happy with their start - leading after 20 minutes. It was Grant Hebert who gave them the perfect start with the opener after just 38 seconds, shooting a bobbling puck past Landon Bow. Only an excellent save from Evan Weninger with eight minutes remaining in period two kept the visitors ahead - the Storm goalie getting his blocker to a Deven Sideroff shot after having been found at the far post by Mitchell Heard and looking certain to score. Starting the final period one down, Clan hit four goals in the final 15 minutes of the game to turn things around. Heard's shot off a faceoff snuck under Weninger enough for Sideroff to find the loose puck and knock it over the line at 46:23 on the powerplay. Under two minutes later, Cole Uilly broke down the wing and fired a shot through Weninger's five-hole to put Clan ahead at 48:14. With 5:44 to play, Robert Lachowicz intercepted a Storm breakout in the neutral zone and raced through to beat Weninger five-hole again and put Clan 3-1 ahead shorthanded. Storm rolled the dice with 89 seconds to go and pulled Weninger, but a Felix Pare block on a Joe Morrow shot set up the puck perfectly for Lachowicz to skate away with and finish into the empty net to settle a 4-1 scoreline.

## Saturday 7th December

### **Guildford Flames 5 Nottingham Panthers 4 Overtime Elite League**

(2-1, 0-1, 2-2, 1-0) SOG 32-23 PIMs 4-8 Att 1932

On an evening where Guildford retired head coach Paul Dixon's jersey, the Flames led multiple times, went behind late before tying the game, and then came out on top in overtime go get past Nottingham Panthers 5-4. "The biggest thing is that we stuck with the process. We were down late, and it's a testament to our group. Sometimes it doesn't work out but today it did and these are some of the most fun games to win," said Jack Jacome, who tied the game late for the Flames. "I'm loving it here in Guildford, it's been awesome! It's definitely one of the more fun groups I've been a part of, and everyone has been so good to me." Guildford started the more lively and were deservedly ahead inside seven minutes. The Panthers were turning the puck over in their own and neutral zones multiple times on the same shift, and were eventually punished when Lewis Hooked worked the puck to Brett Ferguson to finish high from a tight angle with 6:39 played. Somewhat against the run of play, the Panthers were level when Kristoff Kontos went top shelf in the slot to beat Eamon McAdam at 10:53. Sam Jones scored for the second week running for his new team with another powerplay finish down low to restore the home side's lead at 16:38, although giving the puck away in his own end almost led to a Panthers equaliser on the very next shift. Nottingham were level through 40 minutes thanks to the only goal of period two. Sam Herr was slashed on a breakaway resulting in a penalty shot that was expertly dispatched by Mitchell Fossier at 30:39 to level the scores. Guildford seemed to have more live after conceding, but found Ryan Bednard in fine form at the other end to keep them out. On a powerplay that carried over from the second into the third, the Flames went ahead again off an excellent Daniel Tedesco shot that sailed past Bednard 26 seconds into the period. Ollie Betteridge tied the game just over eight minutes later in close on a play that was reviewed after Eamon McAdam knocked the net off - but only on the play leading immediately to the goal, and so it was awarded. With Logan Neilson sitting for hooking the Flames looked to take the lead again - however, Sam Herr had other ideas and raced through down the ice to beat McAdam and put the Panthers ahead shorthanded with 6:38 to play - their first lead of the night. With 4:02 remaining, Jack Jacome beautifully stepped into his shot on an odd-man rush to tie the game. The Flames could have won it with the final shot of the game, only for an excellent sprawling save from Bednard keeping the puck out. In overtime, the Flames had the better of the chances and finally it was Tedesco who fired home to earn them the bonus point. "Right now we're a little short on bodies, but we've been rolling three lines and everyone has been working hard. We put in a lot of work at the beginning of the season to be in good shape and I think it's paying off now," said game-winner Tedesco. "During the week we practice 3-on-3 and you get chemistry with certain guys so you know where they'll be on the ice. Luckily for us we got that win tonight."



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## **Glasgow Clan 4 Dundee Stars 3 Elite League**

(2-1, 0-2, 2-0,) SOG 32-25 PIMs 2-2 Att 3001

Glasgow Clan made it back-to-back four-point weekends with a 4-3 home win over Dundee Stars, scoring the game-winner with just over five minutes to go. Dundee, who came into this fixture after suffering two defeats the previous weekend, had an ideal start as they opened the scoring early at 03:26. Drydn Dow sent a cross-crease pass intended for the stick of Jake Elmer, however, the puck deflected off of a sprawling Clan defender and past Landon Bow. The Clan equalised at 11:00, with Cole Ullly scoring his second goal of the weekend. A solo effort from the Canadian saw him take the puck over the blue line and send a wrist shot past the glove of Richard Sabol. Ullly scored his second of the game at 17:07, deflecting a shot from Reece Kelly past the Stars' netminder to give his team their first lead of the evening and send the game into the first intermission 2-1. Clan spent the first half of the second period in control, limiting the Stars to just two shots on goal within this time. Despite this, the visitors managed to score the equaliser with Brett Gravelle finding the back of the net. A turnover in Clan's zone allowed Philippe Sanche to get a shot on goal, and although Bow made the initial save the puck fell to Gravelle who put it home at 30:21. A slashing penalty against Glasgow gave Dundee their first powerplay of the evening, which Brendan Harms took full advantage of as he regained the lead for the Stars at 37:50. A shot from the left wing by Jake Elmer found its way to the net, which Harms sent between the pads of Bow to make it 3-2. Dundee managed to keep Glasgow at bay for the majority of the third period, limiting the Clan's scoring attempts as they looked to maintain the lead. Felix Pare scored the equaliser at 50:09, as he found himself alone in front of the crease and tipped an innocent-looking shot from Deven Sideroff past Richard Sabol to make it 3-3. Glasgow remained on the offense, which paid off when Tyson McLellan scored the go-ahead goal and eventual game-winner. Cole Ullly sent the puck toward the net, where McLellan was waiting to redirect it past Sabol at 54:41. The Stars pulled Sabol in the closing stages of the game, but some misplaced passing cut their pressure on Bow's net short. Glasgow held on for the one-goal win.

## **Cardiff Devils 3 Belfast Giants 4 Overtime Elite League**

(0-2, 1-1, 2-0, 0-1) SOG 38-36 PIMs 9-13 Att 3110

Belfast Giants blew a 3-1 lead in Cardiff, but recovered to beat the Devils in overtime and leave a sold-out Vindico Arena with two points on Saturday night. Josh Roach found an early goal for Belfast following a powerful slapshot off of a Bobo Carpenter pass, allowing Giants to take the lead at 4:50 into the first period. Minutes after, Piccinch managed to find himself a tripping call, forcing Giants into a penalty kill. Despite Cardiff creating many opportunities during this, they were unsuccessful in finding the back of the net due to Jackson Whistle's impressive goaltending. In the closing minutes of the period, Zak Galambos throw the puck on net at 18:46 with the shot taking a deflection to put the Giants two ahead. A very eventful second period saw Karl Boudrias take an early tripping penalty, which handed the Devils a two-minute powerplay. The Devils used it to full effect to get their first goal of the night as Joey Martin tapped in a Gleason Fournier slap shot at 04:23. Belfast were almost able to respond due to a loose puck almost sliding into the goal, however Brett Perlini came up clutch to clear the puck off the line. Just as things looked like they were beginning to go Cardiff's way, Cameron Pound found the back of Cardiff's net to make it a 3-1 lead for Belfast at 34:06 with a shot that spilled out of Bowns' glove. In a crucial final period, the Devils duo of Kohen Olifschefski and Cole Sanford converted two breakaways within the first seven minutes to make it an even game. Belfast did try and respond with a few goal-scoring opportunities of their own, however, Bowns stepped up when it was needed most. Both teams were unable to find any goals as the period closed out causing the game to head into overtime scenario. The Giants had the better of the bonus period and after some decent puck control, Pierre-Olivier Morin fired home to the delight of the travelling Giants support and won the game at 63:23.







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## **Sheffield Steelers 5 Coventry Blaze 2 Elite League**

(2-0, 2-2, 1-0) SOG 35-23 PIMs 8-8 Att 7011

Sheffield Steelers ended a three-game losing run at the Utilita Arena with a 5-2 win over Coventry Blaze, steadying themselves after last weekend's zero-point return. The home sided opened the scoring on the powerplay. Excellent passing involving Patrick Walting, Sasha Guimond and then Mitchell Balmas set up the later for a fine one-timer past Mat Robson 8:49 into the game. Six minutes later, a poor clearance from the Blaze put the puck on the stick of Colton Saucerman who fed Balmas for his and the Steelers' second of the night. Robson did well to stop a Daniel Leavens one-timer before the period was out, while at the other end Matt Greenfield went post to post to deny the Blaze a goal before the break. Daniel Ciampini made it 3-0 with a one-timer in the slot as the Steelers started period two on the powerplay, but the Blaze weren't out of things. Chase Gresock fed Alessio Luciani at 23:39 to pull one back for the visitors on the powerplay, while less than a minute later Michael Regush took Brandon Alderson's pass and fired into an empty cage to bring the score back to 3-2 at 24:42. Having got themselves back into things, the Blaze then switched off as a loose puck allowed Brandon Whistle to skate through the defensive line and neatly drag and scoop the puck over Robson to restore the Steelers' two-goal lead just nine seconds later. Coventry should have been back to within one before the period was done, but an incredible scorpion save off Greenfield's skate kept the Steelers two ahead. The Blaze had chances in the final period but couldn't find a way past greenfield. With 2:38 to play, Joona Huttula's shot got through a crowd of players and Robson to put the Steelers up by three and kill off the game.

### **Sunday 8th December**

## **Nottingham Panthers 3 Cardiff Devils 1 Elite League**

(2-1, 0-0, 1-0,) SOG 27-35 PIMs 4-8 Att 5621

League leaders Cardiff Devils were beaten 3-1 at the Motorpoint Arena by Nottingham Panthers on Sunday afternoon, extending their poor run in that building to just one win in their last eight competitive fixtures against the Panthers. The Devils started the better team, controlling the opening phases, and were deservedly ahead inside five minutes. With 4:02 on the board, Josh MacDonald worked the puck into the slot from below the goal line to Joey Martin who beat Ryan Bednard five-hole. That goal by the visitors took the atmosphere out of the game somewhat, and the Devils would have been forgiven for being disappointed to be level at the break – let alone behind. A loose play into the slot saw Sam Herr left all alone to beat Ben Bowns high, popping the water bottle on the roof of his net at 11:33. With 2:39 left in the period, Otto Nieminen finished on the powerplay to put the Panthers ahead. If the Devils were feeling unlucky to be down by one after the opening period, the Panthers would have been somewhat disappointed to not be more ahead after the second. Hugo Roy almost jammed a puck in past Bowns at his near post, while Didrik Henbrand was a constant threat with his speed on the rush. The period ended without a change in the scoring, despite the Devils being heavily outshot. Having been disappointing for the opening phases of the third period, the Devils began to apply some pressure on the Panthers net in the final 10 minutes. Bowns made two excellent saves to keep it a one-goal game – one off Kristoff Kontos in front, and the other off Sam Herr after the puck had bobbed over Evan Mosey's stick on his own blue line. Bowns was pulled with slightly over three minutes to play as the Devils looked for the tying goal. Hunter Shinkaruk had a golden chance on his backhand in front of Ryan Bednard but couldn't get the puck under control enough to get a decent shot away. The Devils were camped inside the Panthers zone for most of the final three minutes, but a misplay from Cody Donaghey when skating back for a cleared puck saw the puck land on the stick of Henbrand to skate through and slot into the empty net with 30 seconds remaining and seal the win.

## **Coventry Blaze 1 Belfast Giants 6 Elite League**

(0-0, 1-3, 0-3,) SOG 24-40 PIMs 8-8 Att 1863

Belfast Giants made it a four-point weekend on the road by following up their overtime win in Cardiff over the Devils with a 6-1 win over Coventry Blaze. Zach Heinz hit a post two minutes into the opening period as the Blaze had the game's best chance of the early stages, but Belfast grew into the game and kept Mat Robinson busy for most of the first 20 minutes. Bobo Carpenter opened the scoring 2:34 into period two, finding the top corner of Robson's net in close. Less than a minute later, Ciaran Long beat the Blaze goalie high to double the lead. The Blaze responded with a solid eight-minute push that could, and should, have seen them back in the game - only for Tom McCollum to pull off some important saves.



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His team paid him back for keeping them ahead with a third at 33:45 off the stick of Karl Boudrais. After a couple of slips in their own zone by the Giants, the Blaze worked the puck to Jack Hopkins to fire into a gaping net and pull the score back to 1-3 with just over two minutes to go in the second. That was as good as it got for the home side, however. Captain Mark Cooper put the Giants back ahead at 48:02, and only 54 seconds later Gabe Bast put the visitors 5-1 ahead. Scott Conway rounded off their scoring inside the final two minutes for an impressive 6-1 win.

## **Dundee Stars 3      Sheffield Steelers 4      Elite League**

(1-0, 0-3, 2-1,) SOG 38-40 PIMs 4-4 Att 1702

Sheffield Steelers avenged their 4-2 home defeat by Dundee Stars a fortnight ago with a 4-3 win on Tayside, completing a four-point weekend and leaving the Stars empty-handed after two defeats this weekend by the odd goal in seven. "It was okay, we had our slip ups. It's hard trying to play a full game against this team, they're a really good team so you have to be on the ball from the drop of the puck," said Patrick Watling who had two goals on the night. "They kind of took it to us but we were able to weather the storm so we were able to come out on top." The Stars thought they had opened the scoring at 10:22, as Ben O'Connor attempted to send the puck into the Sheffield zone which inadvertently took an awkward bounce and found the back of the net. This sent hundreds of teddy bears onto the ice, which will be donated locally to those in need. However, after review, the goal was called back as it was determined the puck has deflected off of a linesman and into the net. Domenic Alberga officially opened the scoring less than two minutes later at 12:09, with a shot from the point curving over Matt Greenfield and finding the back of the net to make it 1-0. The Steelers got on the board early in period two, levelling the score at 22:00. A shot by Colton Saucerman was initially blocked by a Stars player, however the puck fell to Patrick Watling who beat Jarrett Fiske to make it 1-1. Watling scored his second of the game at 30:30, giving the visitors their first lead of the evening after deflecting a shot from the point by Dominic Cormier past the Stars' netminder. Marc-Olivier Vallerand's goal with 6:34 to go on a 5-on-3 advantage looked to have put the game to bed, but the Stars responded with two late goals. Alex Robert brought them back to within two at 56:07, while Brendan Harms then put the puck home with 67 seconds to play while the Stars played with an empty net. Fiske was pulled again with 50 seconds remaining but the hosts couldn't set up the chance to tie it, and went down by a goal for the second time this weekend. "I think our line is starting to really gel now, from last game we had a pretty decent game and today we kind of picked up where we left off. It was nice to see all of us working and I think the forwards and the defense are finally clicking together so it's making opportunities easier to come by" added Watling. Dundee's best chance came in the form of a three-on-one breakaway, however Matt Greenfield stood strong and denied Domenic Alberga his second goal of the game. Moments later, a takeaway in the neutral zone by Mitchell Balmas resulted in a two-on-one opportunity for the Steelers, which Mikko Juusola capitalised on at 37:37 to make it 3-1 heading into the third period. Marc-Olivier Vallerand's 5-on-3 goal with just over six minutes to go looked to have settled the game, but a goal from Alex Robert with 3:53 to play put the Stars back within two. With Fiske out, Brendan Harms pulled the score back to 3-4 with 67 seconds remaining, but the Stars couldn't set up the perfect chance to tie things again when Fiske headed to the bench for the final 50 seconds. For the Steelers, the game made it a four-point weekend with Matt Greenfield back in net. "Not just physically but mentally to have him back there is huge for our team," said Watling. "We're not second guessing the pucks or the plays and we're not gripping our sticks too tight because we know we have a solid goaltender back there."

## **Department of Player Safety Outcomes**

On Sunday night in Nottingham, forward #26 Reid Duke slashed Panthers defenseman #79 Davis Bunz. Effective immediately #27 Reid Duke is fined.







### Goalies

- 30 Cameron Kenny  
50 Shane Owen  
36 Jānis Voris

### Defencemen

- 5 Noah Delmas  
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'  
61 James Spence  
43 Jordan Stallard  
24 Aiden Wilson

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

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



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

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

**Man of the Match Flyers:**

**Man of the Match Visitors:**

### Goalies

40 Will Bray  
20 Mat Robson

### Defencemen

7 Terrance Amorosa  
58 David Clements 'A'  
21 Archie Hazeldine  
3 Mike Kennedy  
6 Alexander Kuqali  
92 Jacob Stridsberg  
52 Billy Thorpe

### Forwards

64 Brandon Alderson 'A'  
8 Brynley Capps  
13 Grayson Constable  
9 Jackson Cressey  
27 Chase Gresock  
10 Zach Heintz  
15 Jack Hopkins  
71 Morten Jürgens  
61 Alessio Luciani  
24 Zaine McKenzie  
19 Michael Regush  
29 Nick Seitz  
16 Kim Tallberg 'C'



# VISITING THE BARN

As teams make their first visits to the Auld Barn this season we continue to look back at the changes made to their rosters in the close season. It does seem such a long time ago now with the Blaze being the last team to visit the Auld Barn but their summer changes commenced just a few weeks after the Play Off Final weekend when it was announced that Danny Stewart was stepping down from the Head Coach role. A Few days later **Kevin Moore** was announced as his successor. Moore, 35, joined Blaze from the Nottingham Panthers where he spent last season as Assistant Coach. As part of his role, Moore was responsible for coaching defencemen, goalies and special teams which included a 20.26% powerplay (5th in the league). Following the sad passing of Adam Johnson, Moore took on a leadership role in the day-to-day operations of the team, which included managing the psychological well-being of players while a gradual return to play strategy was implemented. He was the public voice for the team during this difficult period, and his strong leadership was well recognised and applauded. Prior to his move to Nottingham, the Belle Mead, N.J. native held the same role for the Indy Fuel of the ECHL, helping them to a Playoff place in the competitive Western Conference with a franchise record for wins and points. With the Fuel, Moore was responsible for in season recruitment of players, including NCAA free agents and was part of a two-man staff coaching defencemen, goalies, and a penalty-kill which ranked 6th in the league at 82.4% and was 3rd for short-handed goals (14). The former netminder also has extensive coaching experience in the NCAA and was Director of Hockey Operations for Princeton University Tigers in 2021/22. During the 2020/21 season, as Head Coach of College of St. Scholastica (NCAA III), Moore led the team to their first playoff win and semi-final appearance in five years. Moore also spent two seasons as the assistant coach at Adrian College, where he helped the team to a NCHA Regular Season title and Tournament championship in 2020. Additionally, in 2019 Moore was named assistant coach for Team USA's U18 team in the Hlinka Gretzky Cup and for three years was part of the USA Hockey National Player Development selection camps. The first player signing was the return for a third Elite League season of forward **Kim Tallberg** who registered 43 points (15 goals, 28 assists) over 67 Elite League competition games last season, averaging near 21 minutes per-game. In his debut season, the popular Swede led Blaze's goalscoring charts with 31 in 66 Elite League competition game, and he added 28 assists for a return of 59 points. At the end of season awards, Tallberg scooped the club's Coach's, Players', and Supporters' Player of the Year in recognition of his excellent 2022/23 campaign. Tallberg has been productive throughout his career having registered 48 goals and 45 assists for 93 points in 272 Swedish Allsvenskan regular season and playoff games prior to his move to Coventry. He also played 272 games in HockeyEttan during which he amassed 84 goals and 84 assists for 168 points with Nynäshamns, Kumla, Borås, Halmstad and Nybro. Another resigning followed in mid-May when homegrown Defenseman **Archie Hazeldine** returned. Hazeldine, 20, iced 39 times in Elite League competitions with Blaze last season and had two assists. The 6'3" blue-liner also played 30 times for the NIHL's Telford Tigers as part of a two-way deal, and amassed an impressive 30 points (give goals, 25 assists) as the Tigers reached the playoff semi-finals. Hazeldine moved to Coventry ahead of the 2023/24 campaign, following two seasons split between the Nottingham Panthers (EIHL) and Leeds Knights (NIHL). In 51 appearances for the Panthers, Nottingham born Hazeldine contributed 10 points (one goal, nine assists) and with Leeds he had 44 points (11 goals, 33 assists), helping them to a league and playoff championship. Internationally, Hazeldine has represented Great Britain at the under-18 and 20's World Junior Championships winning a silver and two bronze medals. The club's first new face on the roster was Canadian forward **Grayson Constable** from Long Island University. Constable, 26, turned professional with Blaze following five years in the NCAA with College of the Holy Cross and Long Island University. Standing at 6'2" and shooting right, Constable amassed 44 points (23 goals, 21 assists) and blocked 104 shots over 156 appearances. In his senior season at Holy Cross, he served as Captain and left the programme ranked eighth in career shorthanded goals. He was named to the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team twice in 2020 and 2023. Before his NCAA career, the Lethbridge, AB native shone in the AJHL with the Bonnyville Pontiacs, where he captained the team during the 2018/19 season and recorded 54 points (24 goals, 30 assists) in 52 regular season games. Head Coach Kevin Moore said, "Grayson is a high character, high energy player. He uses his skating to be relentless all over the ice and he will make an impact in all phases of the game for us this season."

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British forward **Jack Hopkins** was another returnee. Hopkins, 20, joined Blaze last season from rivals Nottingham Panthers and in his first season made 55 appearances in Elite League competitions with two goals and an assist. Previously the Nottingham born shooter spent two seasons on two-way deals with his hometown club, and with the Telford Tigers and Milton Keynes Lightning of the NIHL. With the Panthers, Hopkins iced 62 times in Elite League competitions with eight points (three goals, five assists). He was a point per-game producer in the NIHL, with 56 points (22 goals, 44 assists) in 58 games and won the NIHL championship with Telford Tigers in 2021/22. Hopkins has represented Great Britain at under-18 and under-20 level and as an offensive leader has won a silver and two bronze medals at the World Junior Championships (Division 2A). Another returnee followed as we were still in the month of May when the Blaze were thrilled to confirm the re-signing of Canadian forward **Alessio Luciani**. The 25 year old enjoyed an excellent first professional season in Coventry, scoring 21 goals, 16 assists for 37 points in 63 regular season and Challenge Cup games. Prior to arriving in Coventry, Luciani had four impressive seasons playing for the Adrian College Bulldogs in the NCAA's Division 3 where he was coached by Kevin Moore in 2019/20. During his time at the Michigan-based school, Luciani won three NCHA division titles and the overall division three Championship in the 2021/22 season. Luciani led the NCAA Division 3 in points over 2020/21 and won the league's Player of the Year award. Throughout his time in college, the Toronto native made the NCHA All Conference Team twice, was a First Team All American and last year was the NCHA Tournament MVP. He appeared in a total of 107 games at Adrian College registering 153 points (54 goals 99 assists). Prior to his college career, the 5'9" speedy forward enjoyed two successful seasons in the OJHL with the Markham Royals and led the league in points during the 2018/2019 season. In what was his final year of junior hockey, Luciani won the league's most improved player award and was a First Team All Star. Overall, Luciani played 84 regular season games in Markham registering 108 points (44 goals and 64 assists). Coach Kevin Moore said, "Alessio is someone I have known since he was playing junior hockey. He is a premier human being, and his habits, discipline and professionalism is exactly what we want in Blaze blue. He knows how to get to hard areas and can score in many ways. I am extremely happy he is back in Coventry and that I will be able to coach him for a second time." Netminder **Will Bray** returned on what was his 21st birthday. A product of the Coventry Blaze Academy who has been part of the professional team since 2019/20. The Nottingham born goalie had a brief stint playing in Finland during 2021/22 and iced for the Solihull Barons of the NIHL in 2019/20. With the Blaze Academy in 2018/19, Bray was an England under-20 Conference Champion. In what was a busy month for player activity it was rounded out with a further three signings. British defenceman **David Clements** returned for his tenth Elite League season with the organisation. Clements, 29, had signed a two-year deal last summer and the club also confirmed that he would celebrate a Testimonial over the upcoming campaign. Since joining the Elite League side in 2015/16, Coventry born Clements has become a mainstay on the Blaze blue-line and a key member of the organisation. Awarded an associate Captaincy role in 2022-23, Clements will surpass 500 games and 100 points in Elite League competition for the club in the new season. Heading into the season in Elite League competitions, Clements had amassed 473 games with 99 points (21 goals, 78 assists). Clements has represented Team GB at all levels, including two appearances at the IIHF World Championship. Before he turned professional, Clements spent three seasons with the Ogden Mustangs of the WSHL where he was made captain and became the team's all-time leading points scorer for a defenceman. A new addition was homegrown Forward **Brynley Capps** from Raiders IHC who signed on a three year deal. Teenager Capps is widely considered one of the most exciting prospects in the country, not least due to his impressive recent performance at the 2024 Under-18 Men's World Championship Division II Group A in Poland. Capps finished the tournament as the leading scorer with 11 points (six goals, five assists) over five games, which was a GB under-18 record at Division II level. He was awarded the Forward of the Tournament trophy. Over the 2023/24 season, Capps split time between the Romford Buccaneers of NIHL 1 and Raiders IHC of the NIHL. Capps, who stands at 6'3", scored a sensational 43 goals and 27 assists in just 29 regular season and playoff games for the Buccaneers and was awarded the Coach's and Supporters Player of the Year. With the Raiders, Capps appeared 27 times with seven points (four goals, three assists). Capps is a product of the Raiders junior system, in which he tore it up offensively at all levels.



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Another youngster was announced when forward **Zaine McKenzie** made the move from Nottingham Panthers. McKenzie, 20, joined the club following three seasons split between EIHL and NIHL. In 2023/24, the Coventry born forward iced 12 times for the Nottingham Panthers and had 25 appearances for Telford Tigers and 23 for the Bees IHC which was his second stint with the Berkshire side. His first came in 2021/22, when the 6'1" winger also iced for the Milton Keynes Lightning. In 2022/23, McKenzie continued with the Lightning and made his professional debut with the Panthers, getting an assist in the third-place playoff game. McKenzie left the UK at the age of 16 to play for two years in North America at the Ontario Hockey Academy. He has appeared twice in Under-20 World Championship tournaments, helping Great Britain win a silver (2022) and bronze medal (2023). Into June and it was another returnee who was announced as American defenceman **Alexander Kuqali** was welcomed back for a third straight season. Kuqali, 32, registered 16 points (four goals, 12 assists) in 53 regular season games last season, averaging over 20 minutes of ice time. The dependable blue-liner also clocked up 16 appearances in Challenge Cup and Playoff competition. In total for Coventry, Associate Captain Kuqali has appeared in 127 Elite League competition games with 26 points (seven goals, 19 assists). Prior to moving to the UK, the 6'2" Pittsburgh native made almost 300 appearances in the ECHL, most notably with Orlando Solar Beats, Quad City Mallards and Florida Everblades. Kuqali enjoyed a successful college career in the NCAA at RIT where he won three straight AHA conference titles. American forward **Nick Seitz** became a new addition to the Blaze roster as the 24 year old turned professional after graduating from Princeton University where he iced 114 times with 49 points (17 goals, 32 assists). In his senior year, Seitz was named to the NCAA All-Ivy Academic Team and the NCAA All-Ivy League Second Team. During his time in Princeton, Seitz was also nominated to the ECAC All-Academic Team three times and ECAC All-Academic Commissioner's List in 2021/22. 6'2" Seitz has also spent two seasons in the NAHL, where he had 96 points (37 goals, 59 assists) in 99 regular season and playoff games with the New Jersey Titans and Corpus Christi Ice Rays. Another new face this time on the bluelines was American defenceman **Mike Kennedy** who was also turning pro with the Blaze and joined Princeton University teammate Nick Seitz on the roster. Over the past four seasons at the NCAA level, hard-working Kennedy contributed 13 points (five goals, eight assists) in 76 games. Prior to his collegiate career, Kennedy spent a year in the BCHL with the Nanaimo Clippers where he helped the Clippers to an Island Division title. Kennedy chipped in with 12 points (two goals, ten assists) that season and added a further assist in four post-season appearances. Kennedy, who has a right shot and stands at 6'1" tall, was a standout at Northfield Mount Hermon School where he graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer for a defenceman. The new additions kept coming and on June 18th the Blaze were pleased to announce the signing of American forward **Chase Gresock** (GREE-sock). The 25 year old joined Blaze following a productive season in the ECHL where with Toledo Walleye he scored 35 points (16 goals, 19 assists) in 69 regular season games. He also registered an assist in six playoff appearances. The Powell, Ohio, native also has two American Hockey League (AHL) games to his name with San Jose Barracuda. Standing at 6'1", Gresock's AHL call-up came on the back of a standout season at Bowling Green State University where in his senior NCAA year, he amassed 31 points (11 goals, 20 assists) in 36 games. The year prior he had 19 points (nine goals, ten assists) in 21 games representing Miami University. Gresock began his college career playing three seasons with Merrimack College that included two seasons as team captain (2019-2021). In total, Gresock collected 104 points (46 goals, 58 assists) in 135 games over five NCAA seasons. The Blaze moved to sign a new European player when Estonian International forward **Morten Jürgens** joined the club following three successful seasons playing in Finland with Mestis club Kiekko-Espoo. In 131 regular season and playoff games, the 6'4" rugged forward has registered 55 points (17 goals, 38 assists) with 287 penalty minutes. In 2022/23, Jürgens was a Mestis and Suomen Cup Champion, the year previous a Mestis Silver Medalist and in the most recent season a Mestis Bronze Medalist. Jürgens developed through the Finnish youth system, notably with Jukurit and Kiekko-Espoo where he turned professional. Internationally, Jürgens has represented his country at all youth levels, and recently made his debut appearance at the World Championship where he impressed scoring four points (three goals, one assist) in five games at Division 1B level. A couple of departures followed with Taran Kozun and Kobe Roth looking at pastures new. July commenced with another new addition with the signing of Canadian forward **Michael Regush**. The 25 year old most recently played 17 games in the AHL with Abbotsford Canucks, contributing two assists. The Surrey, British Columbia native competed for the NHL's Vancouver Canucks at the 2022 Young Stars Classic as a college free agent, before being added

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to the club's training camp roster on an amateur try out agreement. His impressive performances ultimately earned him a contract with Abbotsford. Regush completed his senior NCAA season in 2021/22 with Miami University of Ohio (NCHC), playing 24 games for the RedHawks. He recorded nine points (three goals, six assists) in his first active campaign since leaving Cornell University (ECAC) after the 2019/20 season. Over three years at Cornell, Regush won two Ivy league championships, most promising freshman and two ECAC regular season championships. Between Cornell and Miami of Ohio (2018-2022), Regush totalled 42 points (26 goals, 16 assists) in 89 NCAA games. Regush is an alumnus of Delta Hockey Academy and played two full seasons in the BCHL, skating in 106 games between the Merritt Centennials and the Langley Rivermen which culminated in a Clark Cup final run. JD Duydek departed for the Worcester Railers. Kevin Moore then moved to name his assistant as **Zach Vinnell**. On the back of winning the Elite League Grand Slam with Sheffield Steelers last season, Vinnell, 26, opted to retire from playing to pursue the coaching opportunity in Coventry. Beginning the 2023/24 season with Glasgow Clan, the versatile Canadian moved to the Steelers in December, going on to play an important role in the club winning the league, Challenge Cup and Playoffs. A defenceman, who could also play a role as a forward, Vinnell turned professional with the ECHL's Indy Fuel when Moore was Assistant Coach in 2022/23 and the pair built a positive connection. Vinnell's NCAA career was spent mainly at Merrimack College (2019-2022) where he obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration. He then moved on to Bowling Green State University (2022/23) where he achieved a master's degree. Prior, he spent three seasons in the AJHL with Camrose Kodiaks where he was an associate Captain and left as the franchise's all-time leading scorer by a defenceman. Canadian forward **Brandon Alderson** was announced in mid-July. Alderson, 32, joined the club after spending last season with Elite League rivals Cardiff Devils. In 61 Elite League competition games, 6'4" Alderson registered 42 points (24 goals, 18 assists), and established himself as a strong physical presence. Prior, Alderson enjoyed much success in several high-profile European leagues in Germany, Czechia, Slovakia and Austria. 2017-18 was his first overseas, during which he led Heilbronner Falken of the DEL2 in scoring with 61 points (29 goals and 32 assists) in 59 games. Ahead of forging his European career, Alderson spent four years playing in the AHL and ECHL, notably with Lehigh Valley Phantoms, the primary development team for the Philadelphia Flyers of the National Hockey League. Before turning professional, the Oakville native was an accomplished scorer in the major junior Ontario Hockey League, posting 157 points (69 goals, 88 assists) in 267 regular season games. Both Blake Thompson and Ian McNulty were announced as not returning but another new face joined on July 28th when Blaze announced the signing of Canadian forward **Jackson Cressey**. The 28 year old joined the club following two seasons in Germany's DEL2 where he represented EHC Freiburg and more recently Bietigheim Steelers. As an associate Captain for the Steelers last season, Cressey amassed 39 points (21 goals, 23 assists) in 55 games which ranked second on the team. Prior, the 6'0" face-off winner registered 26 points (17 goals, nine assists), also in 55 total games with Freiburg. Germany was Cressey's second taste of Europe, having spent part of the 2020/21 season with Tyngesjö SoSS of Sweden's HockeyEttan where he had 18 points (7 goals, 11 assists) in 21 games. Cressey also has a season in the ECHL to his name, scoring 29 points (12 goals, 17 assists) over 67 games with Reading Royals in 2021/22. Before turning professional, the West Vancouver native enjoyed a successful NCAA career with Princeton University where he was a NCAA (ECAC) Champion in 2017/18. Over four years at Princeton, Cressey amassed 116 points (32 goals, 84 assists) in 132 games, and was awarded an associate Captaincy role in his senior year. He was an Honourable Mention All-Ivy and named to the ECAC All-Academic Team in 2019/20 and an ECAC Rookie of the Year Finalist and on the ECAC All-Rookie Team in 2016/17. Cressey also impressed in the BCHL, where in 198 games he scored 129 points (57 goals, 72 assists) and lifted the 2014 BCHL Championship with the Coquitlam Express. He was twice named the team's Most Improved Player and twice earned the team's Community Involvement Award. He also captured the team's Most Valuable Player, Top Forward, 3 Star Award and Most Popular Player awards. On July 31st Johnny Curran's departure to Fife was announced. The new Blaze goalie tandem was confirmed on August 8th. Firstly Canadian **Mat Robson** was announced with the 28 year old bringing experience of playing in the AHL, DEL, ECHL, France and most recently in Poland. Standing an imposing 6'3", Robson spent the second half of last season with Cracovia Krakow where he ended the campaign with a stunning performance in the playoffs posting a .944 save-percentage and 2.18 goals-against-average (GAA) over seven games. Following a highly













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impressive time in the NCAA with University of Minnesota (2017-2019), Robson was signed as one of the more sought-after college free agents by the NHL's Minnesota Wild. In his senior year, he was one of three finalists for the Big Ten Goalie of the Year and his career save-percentage of .924 set a new program record for the Gophers. After attending the Wild's training camp and playing in exhibition, Robson spent the 2019/20 season in the AHL, posting a .901 save-percentage 2.97 goals-against-average and in 26 appearances for the Iowa Wild. He then opted to move to one of Europe's top leagues, the DEL with Straubing Tigers for 2020/21 before catching the attention of the NHL's Buffalo Sabres, and spending 2021/22 in their system with the AHL's Rochester American's and Cincinnati Cyclones. In 2022/23, Robson again moved to Europe playing 38 times for Anglet of the Ligue Magnus in France. 27 year old American netminder **Cam Gray** completed a goalie group for the new season. Standing at 6'0", Gray joins the club following two seasons in the ECHL with Indy Fuel, during which he also earned a try-out with the AHL's Rockford IceHogs and spent time in the SPHL with Macon Mayhem. Before turning professional, Gray was a stand-out at Adrian College (NCAA III) and led the Bulldogs to the program's first National Championship in 2022. In three seasons with Adrian, Gray posted a 53-9-2 record with a .912 save-percentage and 2.34 goals-against-average (GAA), including an undefeated season in 2021/22, going 23-0-0 with a .913 save-percentage and 2.23 GAA. After two preseason games Gray departed the Blaze to return to North America and join the Indy Fuel. Swedish defenceman **Jakob Stridsberg** joined the club following a season in Denmark with Frederikshavn White Hawks, where in 45 games he posted 17 points (six goals, 11 assists) and had a +4 Plus/Minus rating which led the team. Prior, the 6'0" blueliner spent three seasons in his home country, playing between the HockeyAllsvenskan and HockeyEttan, notably with HC Vita Hasten and HC Dalen. In 2020/21, Stridsberg had a particular stand-out season, amassing 30 points (six goals, 24 assists) and his Plus/Minus of +29 was the best in HockeyEttan (West). Prior to turning professional in Sweden, Stridsberg spent three seasons developing through the NCAA with Arizona State University where in 90 games he had 29 points (14 goals, 15 assists). Stridsberg was a NAHL Robertson Cup Champion with Fairbanks Ice Dogs in 2015/16, in a season where he scored the most goals by a defenceman (12) and was named to the NAHL All-Midwest Division team. At J20 SuperElit level in Sweden, the Jönköping native was twice a SM Gold Medal winner with HV71. The Blaze completed their forward line-up with the signing of American forward **Zach Heintz** who joined the club following four productive seasons at Adrian College (NCAA III). As associate captain, Heintz's 18 goals in 28 games led Adrian last season, and his 40 points was second on the team. He was named NCHA Player of the Year, to the All-Conference Team and All-Tournament Team, was a AHCA First Team All-American (West), and to the All-USCHO First Team. With the college, Heintz is a three-time NCAA III (NCHA) Champion and once a NCAA III (Overall) Champion. He was the NCAA III (NCHA) Freshman of the Year in 2019/20 and named to the All-USCHO Rookie First Team and NCHA All-Freshman Team. In 109 total NCAA III games, the dangerous Heintz amassed 129 points (48 goals, 81 assists). Heintz proudly represented Team USA at the World University Games in 2023, scoring four points (two goals, two assists) in seven games. Prior to Adrian, Heintz played for the Lone Star Brahmas and Odessa Jackalopes of the NAHL where he had 112 points (41 goals, 71 assists) in 170 games. The Blaze roster was completed on 26th August with the signing of defenceman **Terrance Amorosa**. The 29 year old joined from Ritten/Renon who he helped win the Alps Hockey League Championship. Amorosa had 43 points (ten goals, 33 assists) in 43 games of the regular season and 12 points (two goals, 10 assists) during the glorious playoff run. Amorosa's performances earned international honours with Team Italy, who called him up for their recent World Championship Division 1A campaign. Prior, the 6'2" dynamic blue-liner began his European career with Gherdëina of the Alps Hockey League where he amassed 36 points (five goals, 31 assists) in 24 games, also earning a loan spell to HC Bolzano of the ICEHL, the top-tier ice hockey league in Austria. Amorosa appeared in nine regular season ICEHL games with three assists and played in one playoff game. Before embarking on Europe, Amorosa was drafted by the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers in the 2013 entry draft (round 5, #132 overall) and went on to spend four seasons split between the AHL and ECHL, notably with Laval Rocket and Kansas City Mavericks. At the AHL level, the 6'2" left shooter contributed 14 points (two goals, 12 assists) in 40 games while in the ECHL he had 37 points (eight goals, 29 assists) in 81 regular season and playoff games. Amorosa's college career was spent at Clarkson University where in 115 games he scored 15 goals, 49 assist for 64 points, catching the attention of NHL scouts.

The Blaze at this time are the only team not to have made a change to their opening day roster.

# LEAGUE STATS

## SEASON 2024/25

										
<b>Total Games Played</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Challenge Cup Games	12	8	9	12	12	12	10	10	9	10
League Games	16	19	16	18	17	17	19	16	16	16
<b>Biggest Win</b>	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
<b>Biggest Loss</b>	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	6	3	4
Current Streak	3 Wins	2 Losses	2 Losses	4 Losses	2 Losses	4 Wins	2 Wins	1 Win	1 Win	2 Wins
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	2	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	2	2	4	2	1	2	0	0
Empty Net Goals For	3	3	5	1	1	4	4	3	2	6
Empty Net Goals Against	3	4	0	4	7	8	1	2	2	1
Penalty Shots Scored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Penalty Shots Conceded	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>
Powerplay	22	17	25	13	16	15	15	19	22	16
Even Strength	69	73	47	53	47	53	50	50	52	67
Shorthanded	2	2	4	2	0	6	3	2	2	3
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
Powerplay	2	1	1	4	3	3	4	2	0	4
Even Strength	14	8	7	10	4	4	8	5	1	13
Shorthanded	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>67</b>
Penalty Kill	16	13	19	13	22	23	17	27	12	15
Even Strength	38	46	44	82	96	57	51	66	40	52
Shorthanded	2	1	4	3	2	3	2	5	4	0
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Penalty Kill	2	2	4	0	4	3	1	2	3	2
Even Strength	8	2	6	12	10	7	6	10	7	6
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	33	21	19	30	22	21	18	28	30	29
Goals Scored Period 2	34	42	28	28	24	26	26	28	25	33
Goals Scored Period 3	39	38	38	24	23	36	36	18	20	41
Goals Scored OT/SO	3	0	3	3	1	1	1	2	4	3
<b>TOTAL Goals Scored</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Goals Scored Per Game</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>3.74</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>2.83</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>2.92</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>4.08</b>
Goals Conceded Period 1	21	20	28	29	43	23	25	28	14	25
Goals Conceded Period 2	21	18	23	41	45	27	30	46	27	24
Goals Conceded Period 3	21	24	24	39	47	45	24	39	24	25
Goals Conceded OT/SO	3	2	3	2	3	1	2	1	2	2
<b>TOTAL Goals Conceded</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Goals Against Per Game</b>	<b>2.36</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>4.76</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>2.92</b>
Shots For P1	361	295	252	301	299	340	311	261	259	295
Shots For P2	353	249	286	330	284	331	311	252	269	304
Shots For P3	310	295	254	313	249	248	258	271	226	276
Shots For OT	9	0	15	12	6	0	13	4	14	11
<b>TOTAL Shots For</b>	<b>1033</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>886</b>
<b>Shots for Per Game</b>	<b>36.89</b>	<b>31.07</b>	<b>32.28</b>	<b>31.87</b>	<b>28.90</b>	<b>31.69</b>	<b>30.79</b>	<b>30.31</b>	<b>30.72</b>	<b>34.08</b>
Shots Against P1	242	273	320	334	397	291	285	311	266	270
Shots Against P2	262	283	272	364	424	297	314	323	284	242
Shots Against P3	271	258	273	302	365	292	266	288	281	210
Shots Against OT	11	6	11	14	12	3	3	3	14	12
<b>TOTAL Shots Against</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>734</b>
<b>Shots Against Per Game</b>	<b>28.07</b>	<b>30.37</b>	<b>35.04</b>	<b>33.80</b>	<b>41.31</b>	<b>30.45</b>	<b>29.93</b>	<b>35.58</b>	<b>33.80</b>	<b>28.23</b>

League & Cup games played as at 09/12/2024



# ANDI IN THE ATTIC



## NICE TO MEET YOU: COVENTRY BLAZE

Before the opening of the Skydome in Coventry and the first games under the name Coventry Blaze the club were first known as Solihull Barons, with an owner who had lofty ambitions of moving Barons from Hobs Moat Road rink to the NEC in Birmingham, despite finishing third from bottom of British Division 1 in 1995/96.

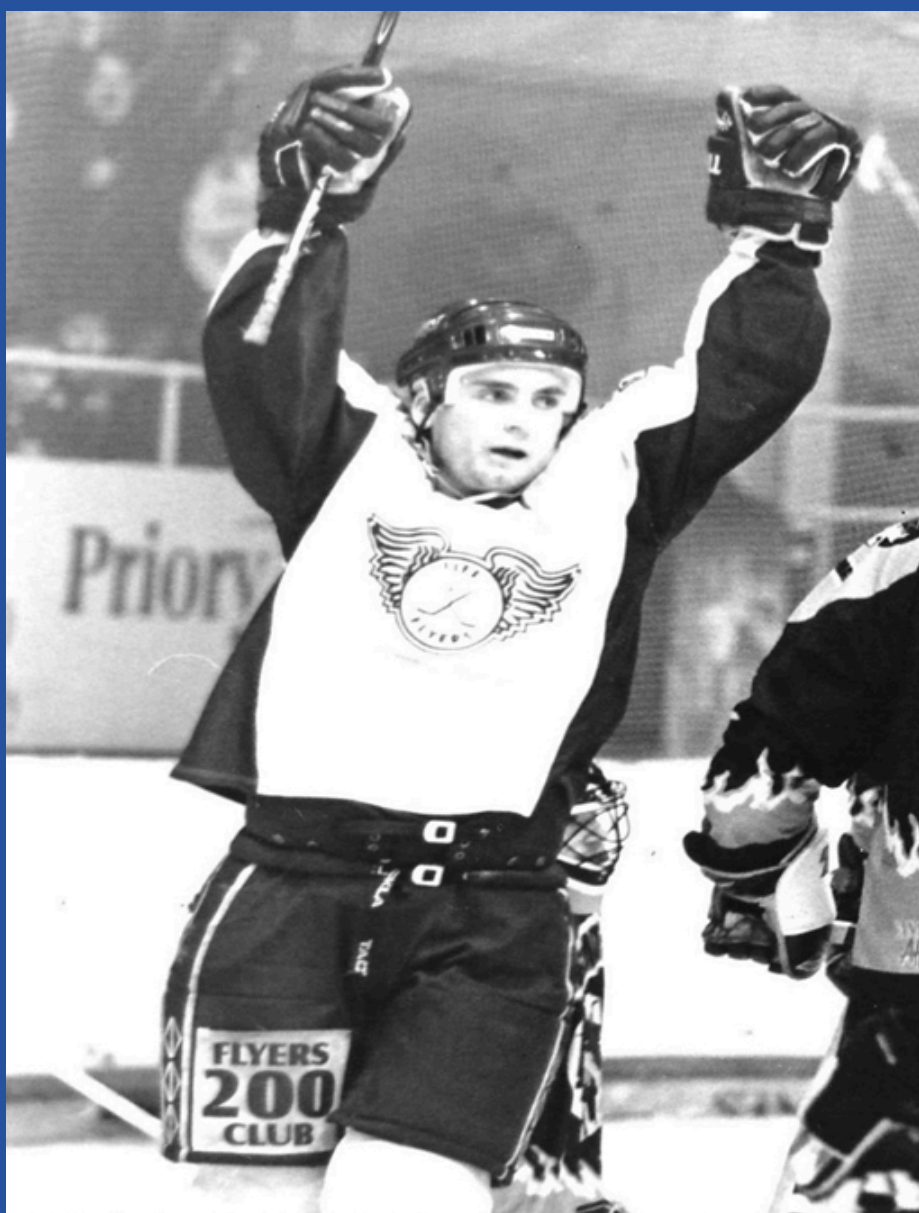
There was to be no move to the NEC and the now named Solihull Blaze who included Fifer Les Millie in their line-up finished second in the Premier League in 1996/97 and went into liquidation at the end of the season. A re-born Blaze, with Millie still in situ only just started season 97/98 in the English League, but completed the season and won that league title the following year.

In 1999/00 Solihull Blaze made the step up to the British National League and finished seventh, 28 points behind Flyers who were league winners that season and beat Blaze in three out of the four match ups in that league campaign. When the Skydome opened, Blaze moved from Solihull and took on the name of their new home city. On their roster that season was a very short time Flyer Michael Knights. In 2000/01 season, Blaze's first at Skydome, they and Flyers were only separated by two points as Flyers finished ahead of them in third place on 55 points. Flyers first visit to Skydome on 08/10/00 was a disappointing one after a decent start to the league campaign, having taken an overtime point at Hull and Peterborough and maximum points from two good home wins, 4-2 v Guildford and a 7-3 victory against Slough the night before their first trip to Coventry.

With just over five minutes gone, it looked as if Flyers' good run would continue as Russel Monteith and Todd Dutiaume gave Flyers an early 2-0 lead. Blaze pulled one back to trail 1-2 going into the second period and piled on the pressure, netting at will including two powerplay goals and one short hander to have control of the game going into the last 20 minutes.

The third period was a better one for Flyers in terms of possession and shots on goal (13-5), but it was Blaze who scored the only goal of the period past Colin Grubb in Flyers' net with a counter from Hilton Ruggles, who had briefly been signed for Flyers, then released before the season started in the late 1980's.

The game scheduled for 06/01/01 had over 2000 spectators in place for a top of the table clash between Flyers and Blaze at Kirkcaldy, but the Zamboni broke down during the ice cut following the pre-game warm ups, causing a spillage of oil and water creating holes on the ice surface, sufficiently damaging the ice to force the game to be postponed at the last minute, a frustrating night for all concerned.



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Flyers made their way to Coventry on 21/01/01 and made a far better showing there than in their previous trip to Skydome. A big crowd of over 2300 witnessed a fine performance from the visitors with netminder Stephen Murphy stopping 54 of 57 shots on his net. Flyers survived two first period powerplays against them before Dutiaume opened Flyers' account, but Blaze squared matters only sixteen seconds later. Monteith netted the first of his hat trick and Frank Morris gave Flyers a 3-1 lead after two periods.

Blaze came out in the third with some purpose and within the first 5-1/2 minutes had tied the score at 3-3. With over 13 minutes of the period played Steven King set up Monteith for the eventual game winner and Monty finished the scoring with an empty netter for an excellent 5-3 Flyers win against a good Blaze side.

Almost 3000 fans filled the rink at Kirkcaldy on Feb 10th for a feisty encounter as Blaze's lack of discipline let them down on the night and Flyers capitalised. The first 40 minutes were tight and it looked as if the game may well be scoreless after two periods, but Coventry opened the scoring with 51 seconds to go, having lost Marc Twaite on a Game Misconduct for Abuse of an Official.

The third period was all Flyers with Dutiaume scoring on the powerplay, Morris netting on a 5 on 3 powerplay and then took advantage of another 5 on 3, scoring twice in 17 seconds through Dutiaume and Monteith for a deserved 4-1 win, contributed to by Blaze taking 83 minutes in penalties.

Ten days later, in the final game between the teams that season, was the rescheduled "Zamboni" game, which didn't face off until 9.45pm due to Blaze's late arrival and all the scoring was confined to the second period as Steven King and Morris on the powerplay got goals at either end of the period and Murphy kept a well-earned clean sheet in a 2-0 win.



In both the British National League and Elite Ice Hockey League the Flyers and Blaze have been pretty competitive against each other most of the time, Blaze's league successes in the Elite era came prior to Flyers joining in 2011 and Coventry won the play-off weekend in 2014/15. Flyers record against Blaze in all EIHL sanctioned games to the end of 2023/24 is 25 wins and 33 defeats.

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# RULES CORNER



The next section of the rulebook deals with are collectively called Restraining Infractions and are covered by rules 54 to 57

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

## **RULE 54 HOLDING**

### **54.1 HOLDING**

Any action by a Player that restrains or impedes the progress of an opposing Player whether or not they are in possession of the puck.

### **54.2 MINOR PENALTY**

A Minor Penalty shall be imposed on a Player who holds an opponent by using their hands, arms or legs. A Player is permitted to use their arm in a strength move, by blocking their opponent, provided they have "body position" and are not using their hands in a holding manner, when doing so. A Player is not permitted to hold an opponent's stick. A Minor Penalty shall be assessed to a Player who holds an opponent's stick (assessed and announced as "holding the stick"). A Player is permitted to protect themselves by defending against an opponent's stick. They must immediately release the stick and allow the Player to resume normal play.

### **54.3 PENALTY SHOT**

This rule is described under Rule 24.8 – Infractions

### **54.4 AWARDED GOAL**

This rule is described under Rule 25 – Awarded Goal

## **RULE 55 HOOKING**

### **55.1 HOOKING**

Hooking is the act of using the stick in a manner that enables a Player to restrain an opponent. If the stick goes against the opponent's hands / or near the opponent's hands, it shall be penalized as "hooking". When a Player is checking another in such a way that there is only stick-to-stick contact, such action is not to be penalized as "hooking".

### **55.2 MINOR PENALTY**

A Minor Penalty shall be imposed on a Player who impedes the progress of an opponent by "hooking" with their stick. A Minor Penalty for "hooking" shall be assessed to any Player who uses the shaft of the stick above the upper hand to hold or hook an opponent.

### **55.3 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and an automatic Game Misconduct Penalty to a Player guilty of "hooking" an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player in a way that at the discretion of the Referee such Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Minor Penalty.

### **55.4 PENALTY SHOT**

This rule is described under Rule 24.8 – Infractions

### **55.5. AWARDED GOAL**

This rule is described under Rule 25 – Awarded Goal

### **55.6. 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 56 INTERFERENCE

### 56.1. INTERFERENCE

A Player who obstructs or prevents an opponent "without possession of the puck" from skating, receiving a pass, or moving about the ice freely is considered as "interference". A "late-hit" constitutes reckless endangerment of a Player who "no longer has control or possession of the puck". Any Player who is in the process of "abandoning" or "losing control or possession of the puck" is subject to a bodycheck so long as the aggressor is in the immediate vicinity of the Skater with the puck. A strict standard on acts of interference must be adhered to in all areas of the Rink.

**Body Position:** "Body position" shall be determined as the Player skating in front of or beside their opponent, traveling in the same direction. A Player who is behind an opponent, who does not have the puck, may not use their stick, body, or free hand in order to restrain their opponent, but must skate in order to gain or reestablish their "proper position" in order to make a check. A Player is allowed the ice they are standing on (body position) and are not required to move in order to let an opponent proceed. A Player may "block the path" of an opponent provided they are in front of their opponent and moving in the same direction. Moving laterally and without "establishing body position", then making contact with the non-puck carrier is not permitted and will be penalised as "interference". A Player is always entitled to use their "body position" to lengthen an opponent's path to the puck, provided their stick is not utilized (to make themselves "bigger" and therefore considerably lengthening the distance their opponent must travel to get where they are going); their "free hand" is not used, and they do not take advantage of their "body position" to deliver an otherwise illegal check.

**Possession of the Puck:** The last Player to touch the puck, other than the Goalkeeper, shall be considered the Player in "possession". The Player deemed in "possession" of the puck may be checked legally, provided the check is rendered immediately following their "loss of control" and their opponent still finds themselves within an "objectively reasonable window of opportunity" to deliver such a check refer to Rule 56.4 – Interference.

**Restrain:** The actions of a Player who does not have "body position", but instead uses illegal means (e.g., "hook" with stick; "hold" with hands, "trip" with the stick or in any manner) to impede an opponent who is not in "possession" of the puck. Illegal means are acts which allow a Player to "establish, maintain or restore body position" other than by skating.

**Pick:** A "pick" is the action of a Player who checks an opponent who is not in "possession" of the puck and is unaware of the impending check/hit. A Player who is aware of an impending hit, not deemed to be a legal "battle for the puck," may not be interfered with by a Player delivering a "pick." A Player delivering a "pick" is one who moves into an opponent's path without initially having "body position", thereby taking them "out of the play". When this is done, an "interference" penalty shall be assessed.

**Free Hand:** When a "free hand" is used to hold, pull, tug, grab or physically restrain an opponent from moving "freely", this must be penalized as "holding". The "free hand" may be used by a Player to "fend off" an opponent or their stick but may not be used to hold an opponent's stick or body.

**Stick:** A Player who does not have "body position" on their opponent, who uses their stick (either the blade or the shaft, including the butt-end of the shaft) to impede or prevent their opponent from moving "freely" on the ice shall be assessed a "hooking" penalty. Rule 55 – Hooking.

### 56.2. MINOR PENALTY

A Minor Penalty for "interference" shall be assessed:

- (I) On a Player who interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in "possession" of the puck;
- (II) On a Player who restrains an opponent who is attempting to "fore-check";
- (III) On any Player who deliberately checks an opponent, including the Goalkeeper, who is "not or no longer deemed in possession" of the puck ("late-hit");
- (IV) On a Player who shall cause an opponent who is not in "possession" of the puck to be forced off-side, causing a stoppage in play. If this action causes a delayed off-side (and not necessarily a stoppage in play), then the application of a penalty for "interference" is subject to the judgment of the Referee;
- (V) On a Player who deliberately "knocks" the stick out of an opponent's hand or prevents a Player who has dropped their stick or any other piece of equipment from regaining "possession" of it,





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(VI) On a Player who “knocks or shoots” any abandoned or broken stick or illegal puck or other debris towards an opposing puck carrier in a manner that could cause them to be distracted; Rule 53 – Throwing Equipment.

(VII) On any identifiable Player on the Players’ Bench or Penalty Box who, by means of their stick or their body, interferes with the movements of the puck or any opponent on the ice during the progress of the play;

(VIII) On any Player about to come onto the ice who plays the puck while one or both skates are still on the Players’ or Penalty Box.

The appropriate penalty according to the playing rules shall be assessed when a Player on the Players’ or Penalty Box gets involved with an opponent on the ice during a stoppage in play. The Player(s) involved may be subject to additional sanctions as appropriate. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

## 56.3 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty shall be assessed when an unidentifiable Player on the Players’ Bench or Penalty Box or any Coach or team personnel who, by means of their stick or their body, interferes with the movements of the puck or any opponent on the ice during the progress of the play.

## 56.4 MAJOR PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty to a Player guilty of “interference” on an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player in a way that at the discretion of the Referee such Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Minor Penalty.

## 56.5 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by an “interference or a late-hit” and the player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Major 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.

## 56.6 PENALTY SHOT

When a Player in control of the puck in the Neutral or Attacking Zone and having no other opponent to pass than the Goalkeeper is interfered with by a stick or any part thereof or any other object or piece of equipment thrown or shot by any member of the defending Team including the Coach or team personnel, a “Penalty Shot” shall be awarded to the non-offending Team. When a Coach or non-playing Team Personnel is guilty of such an act, they shall receive a Game misconduct penalty and be ordered to the Dressing Room. The incident will be reported to the Proper Authorities for possible further disciplinary action.

## 56.7 AWARDED GOAL

If, when the Goalkeeper has been removed from the ice, any member of their Team (including the Goalkeeper) not legally on the ice, including the Coach or team personnel, interferes by means of their body, stick or any other object or piece of equipment with the movements of the puck or an opposing Player in the neutral or Attacking Zone, the Referee shall immediately Award a Goal to the non-offending Team. When a Coach or team personnel is guilty of such an act, they shall be assessed with a game Misconduct penalty, ordered to the Dressing Room and the incident will be reported to the Proper Authorities for possible further disciplinary action.

## 56.8 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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## **56.9 INTERFERENCE BY SPECTATORS**

Any occurrence of spectator interference must be reported by the On-ice Officials to the Proper Authorities.

(I) In the event objects are thrown onto the ice by spectators and game action is compromised, On-ice Officials will stop play and the ensuing "face-off" will take place at the nearest Face-off Spot to where play was stopped.

(II) In the event of a Player being held or interfered with by a spectator, play will be stopped. If the Team of the Player interfered with is in "possession of the puck", game action will continue until a "change of possession" occurs.

## **RULE 57 TRIPPING**

### **57.1 TRIPPING**

A Player shall not place the stick, or any part of their body in such a manner that causes their opponent to trip or fall. Accidental trips which occur simultaneously with a completed play will not be penalised. Accidental trips occurring simultaneously with or after a stoppage of play will not be penalised.

### **57.2 MINOR PENALTY**

The Referee shall, at their discretion, assess a Minor Penalty, based on the severity of the infraction, to any Player who place their stick or any part of their body in such a manner that it shall cause their opponent to trip and fall.

### **57.3 MAJOR PENALTY**

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty to a Player guilty of "tripping" an opponent, and who recklessly endangers the fouled Player in a way that at the discretion of the Referee such Player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Minor Penalty.

### **57.4 MAJOR PENALTY AND GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY**

The Referee, at their discretion, may assess a Major Penalty and a Game Misconduct Penalty if, in their judgment, the Player recklessly endangers their opponent by a "tripping" and the player would not be sufficiently sanctioned by imposing a Major 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.

### **57.5 PENALTY SHOT**

This rule is described under Rule 24.8 – Infractions

### **57.6 AWARDED GOAL**

This rule is described under Rule 25 – Awarded Goal

### **57.7 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**

Welcome to the page where who knows what you will get week on week, I certainly don't! Sometimes it is made easier if an individual player or a team have been roasters as it gives focus away from any of the disappointment and drama induced by being a Flyers fan at this moment in time. Worthy of note is this intro being the last part I've written so the rest of this article does give an idea as to the meandering nature of my mind as well as the rollercoaster of emotions genuinely felt whilst writing an article. For that reason, I've left it a shade messy this time round though still managed to fit in a tenuous link or two. Although I don't have a party line to tow, I know there are responsibilities linked to the privilege of being able to write for your entertainment every week and slating individuals or ridiculing the team is not something I see as reasonable, there's enough of that gash on social media. There are still things I felt needed addressing so this time round I might get struck off a Christmas Card list or two. Some points in time are pivotal and I would mark this past week in your calendar and look back at the end of the season to see if indeed this was a pivotal moment for the club.

Having said goodbye to Max Musorov a few weeks back as Flyers granted his release the question on many lips was how much longer would Nikolai Shulga and Madi Dikhanbek stick around. This week we got our answer. The reason I say this past week rather than just Wednesday comes down to the post match interview after Sunday's loss. After two weeks of improvement and real light at the end of the tunnel stuff from Flyers they fell on their own sword again last weekend. Sunday in particular was a game where Flyers looked nothing like the team that had Devils on the ropes for two periods before switching off, or the team that won in Belfast and at home against Steelers.

The suggestion then that Flyers were still trending in the right direction and that there were positives to be taken from Sunday's mismatch was borderline insulting and Flyers fans don't have any tolerance of that. Whether it was bad choice of words or simply Tom protecting the team, like a new trampoline on Christmas Day there was no additional encouragement needed for people to jump on that. The only real positive from last weekend was the fans continued support of the toy appeal and the difference it will make to many families who are struggling at a stressful time of year.

To the lay man, with fewer bodies through the door, 1085 to be exact, you'd expect that to hit the overall support of the initiative. However, there are a good number of allied initiatives throughout the Kingdom who work together and with pooled resources do an amazing job year after year. This all happens thanks to an army of volunteers and of course you lovely people who are generous beyond expectation. What is being achieved is truly admirable. The worrying trend from last weekend was that low attendance against a team the Flyers usually plays well against whilst the team had shown a mini resurgence. This Sunday we host Blaze who humiliated Flyers down in Coventry and as much as I urge everyone to come along and get behind the team my fear is we will be quicker introducing the fans to team at the start of the game come Boxing Day as more fans become occasional fans.

So where do we go from here? Having gone from having healthy scratch choices to being understrength there will be additional pressure on the remaining guys to try and pull something from the hat this weekend and there is no easy answer beyond adding top quality resource to the team if roster changes and cold hard cash allow. Cold hard cash could be the next sticking point if attendance starts to hover near that 1000 marker. The banners on the ceiling tell a story of the success the club has had over the years but that is history, also history are the nights where 3000+ fans would cram into the Auld Barn. If only we had that attendance and that level of income these days, Flyers would be a force to be reckoned with thanks to the spending power it would afford. Tom Coolen does have a wealth of experience and as much as there are parts of last weekend's interviews I was underwhelmed with I also have great respect for that experience and his coaching know how. I'm not really sure that we were prepared for so many teams to get involved in a modern Superleague style arms race though and we have been caught in the dust cloud. Saturday night's opponents have been making good progress as Panthers come together under Danny Stewart's guidance and I'm going to take a moment to quietly nod respectfully in Panthers' direction as the number 47 is being retired in Nottingham in memory of Adam Johnson. An opportune moment of reflection for us all. Some things are more important.

Time is upon us to get behind our team,

Darrian

# Matchnight PRESENTATIONS

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FLYERS MOM  
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## WEMBLEY WIZARDS

### SEASON 1984/85

Two 15-year-old ice hockey starlets will make their debuts for Fife Flyers in tomorrow's Heineken Premier League match against Southampton Vikings at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink. Forwards Bobby Haig — son of Flyers' manager, John Haig — and Dean Edmiston will be iced against the struggling English side to emphasise Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club's policy of developing local talent. And 18-year-old defenceman Blair Page, who took part in both Flyers' matches last weekend, will again be included in the squad. Jack Dryburgh, general manager of Kirkcaldy Ice Rink, explained yesterday, "These lads have been with us for three to four years, and the time has now come to give them a taste of senior ice hockey. It's a major step for the club, but we cannot stand still. "Our object is to produce local talent to ensure that there is competition for places," he went on. "There is a whole range of talent coming through, and we must keep progressing." Flyers' PRO Joe Rowbotham added, "It is a bold experiment, but we have the best youth policy in Scotland, and we have to find out whether the system is going to bear fruit. "There are another 10 or 12 players of similar ability "who will hopefully get their chance later in the season." An indication of the strength of Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club is that they have 12 players currently training with the Scottish under-16 squad, while only three weeks ago, 15-year-old netminder Scott O'Connor made his Flyers' debut against Blackpool Seagulls. Gordon Goodsir missed last weekend's matches with a finger injury, but is expected to be fit, while Jimmy Pennycook is again available. Dougie Latto played last weekend, despite being stretchered off the ice against Streatham the previous week with a badly bruised back. Meanwhile, Flyers' player-coach Ron Plumb yesterday took a swipe at the standard of refereeing in British ice hockey — with a warning about the consequences if it did not improve. Plumb blamed inconsistent refereeing for Flyers' defeat at Streatham on Sunday, and said, "It was tremendously frustrating to pick up so many penalties because I did not think that we played a rough game. "Refereeing is one of the biggest problems in British ice hockey. "Everybody has become complacent about it to the extent that many teams go on to the ice expecting a rough deal. It is time that we started to speak up against the standards of refereeing," Plumb went on. "If the level of play in British ice hockey is to improve, then the officiating must also improve. It is affecting the standards of the game which means that the fans are being robbed. "In Canada, there have been cases of players getting seriously hurt when referees lose control," he said. Plumb felt that taking so many penalties against Streatham upset their rhythm and probably cost them the game. "The team did not play badly, but we did lose some terrible goals. "On Saturday, I was very impressed with the Southampton netminder," It is never easy to play against a struggling side, but if it had not been for him, we would have scored a lot more goals," Plumb added.



Saturday was a big day for these three 15-year-olds who all made their competitive debuts for Fife Flyers against Southampton Vikings. Bobby Haig, Scott O'Connor and Dean Edmiston are names to watch out for in the future.

#### 22/12/1984 Fife Flyers v Southampton Vikings - Premier League

Just call this the Dave Stoyanovich show! Flyers' Canadian shooting star re-wrote the Heineken Premier League record books with an astonishing 13 goal performance against luckless Southampton Vikings at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night. Stoyanovich smashed the previous best individual scoring record by five goals and was one short of equalling the British all-time record of 14 set by Roy Halpin of Dundee Rockets in 1982.



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

His match total of 15 points was also a Heineken record, while Danny Brown collected a record 10 assists to join Stoyanovich as the first two players this season to reach 100 points in competitive matches. Flyers' tally of 22 goals was another Heineken record – and it could have been so much higher. It was only the final period that Flyers realised that the records were there to be broken, scoring an incredible nine goals in the final eight minutes. They even withdrew netminder Scott O'Connor with 60 seconds remaining to give Stoyanovich a chance of the British record. The big Canadian would assuredly have done so if he had set his mind to it in the first two periods, but settled for a hat-trick in each. Flyers' overwhelming victory was achieved despite taking the opportunity to ice three 15 year olds for part of the match – O'Connor in goal and forwards Bobby Haig and Dean Edmiston who were both unlucky not to get among the goals. Stoyanovich was the man who set the tone for the evening with a quick-fire hat-trick in the first period – all the goals scored with Flyers short-handed. Danny Brown and Neil Abel made the period score 5-0, and the only surprise was that Vikings did not concede many more goals. Flyers tended to over-elaborate in front of the net but Stoyanovich scored two more short-handed goals within the space of 30 seconds in the second period. Merkosky pulled one back for Southampton in the 34th minute although the puck appeared to have struck the post, but Stoyanovich again and two quick goals by Ron Plumb made it 10-1 at the end of the second period. Stoyanovich (2) and Abel increased Flyers' lead early in the third period, with Waddell pulling one back, but the home side really went to town after O'Connor replaced Craig Dickson in goal in the 42nd minute. The goals came thick and fast, with Stoyanovich (4), Brown, Chic Cottrell — making his comeback after injury — and Andy Linton all hitting the net, while Vikings countered through Merkosky (2) and Waddell. Flyers then iced six outfield players in the final minute and Stoyanovich netted his 13th goal 30 seconds from time. Still Flyers were not finished, and Danny Brown completed the scoring with 15 seconds remaining. As a match, it was not much of a spectacle, with Flyers out-shooting the visitors 90-16, but Stoyanovich gave the home fans a one man show in the art of goalscoring, striking from all distances and angles, and the Southampton netminder must have been sick of the sight of him by the end of the evening.



*Another one in the bag for Dave Stoyanovich as he nets his 13th goal against Southampton.*





# KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



The club's junior teams endured mixed fortunes last weekend, recording one victory and two defeats across three age groups.

**Fife Flames** maintained their unbeaten run with a comprehensive victory at Kilmarnock U16. Caiden Forbes topped the scoring with a double hat-trick and picked up the MVP award.

**Fife Redwings** were out of luck at home to Lanarkshire Lightning U12. They were competitive up to the 24-minute mark, but the visitors stepped on the gas to secure the win.

Oliver Barker netted his first league goal for the club, while Lucas Scarborough collected the MVP prize. The team's attitude was first-class, and they will have learned plenty from the game.

**Fife Phantoms** were defeated for the first time this season in their top-of-the-table clash with Lightning's U14 team.

They were back-stopped by 2013 goalie Matty McGroarty. He was very good, given the magnitude of the game. Aaron Guild replaced him in the third period.

The visitors were the better side during the opening two periods, but the Phantoms responded to encouragement from the coaches to win the final session.

Ryan Venters and Artur Mieзитis got the goals, while Jackson O'Neil had a goal chalked off, which would have reduced the deficit to a single goal.

Lightning ultimately deserved the win, but the Phantoms did well to fight back in the third period. Ben Spears was the MVP.

**Kirkcaldy Kestrels** enjoyed a hugely productive weekend on the road at senior level, recording impressive victories in the league and cup.

The Kestrels triumphed 8-1 at Kilmarnock Thunder on Saturday to move up to third place in the Scottish National League standings.

Finley King (2), George Pitcaithly (2), Ross Henderson (2), Harris Piotrowicz and Josh Saunders bagged the goals for Steven Wishart's side.

The team switched their attention to the Scottish Cup the following day and produced a memorable performance at Murrayfield Ice Rink.

A 4-1 victory over Edinburgh Capitals put the Kestrels firmly in control of their semi-final tie ahead of the reverse fixture in February.

Kyle Horne opened the scoring late in the first period before Joe Somerville and Conor Duncan extended the advantage in the middle session.

The Capitals pulled one back in the 34th minute, but Allan Anderson restored the Kestrels' three-goal cushion midway through the third period.

The winners of the tie face either Dundee Rockets or Aberdeen Lynx in the final.



# TABLES & FIXTURES

## SEASON 2024/25

### ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	19	29	14	0	4	1	69	39	0.76	==
Guildford Flames	18	23	10	1	6	1	58	45	0.64	↑
Sheffield Steelers	16	22	10	1	5	0	68	46	0.69	↑
Belfast Giants	16	22	9	1	4	2	60	43	0.69	↑
Coventry Blaze	16	21	9	1	5	1	59	47	0.66	↓
Nottingham Panthers	17	19	7	2	7	1	52	44	0.56	==
Glasgow Clan	17	14	6	1	10	0	44	62	0.41	↑
Dundee Stars	18	13	4	2	11	1	54	72	0.36	↓
Manchester Storm	16	10	5	0	11	0	47	73	0.31	==
Fife Flyers	17	6	2	0	13	2	42	82	0.18	==

As at 9th December 2024

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID		Home	Away	Face Off
86	Wed 11-Dec-2024	Belfast Giants	Dundee Stars	19:30
87	Wed 11-Dec-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Guildford Flames	19:30
CC54	Wed 11-Dec-2024	Coventry Blaze	Cardiff Devils	19:00
88	Fri 13-Dec-2024	Manchester Storm	Nottingham Panthers	19:30
89	Sat 14-Dec-2024	Cardiff Devils	Manchester Storm	19:00
90	Sat 14-Dec-2024	Coventry Blaze	Dundee Stars	19:00
91	Sat 14-Dec-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Fife Flyers	19:00
92	Sat 14-Dec-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Glasgow Clan	19:00
93	Sun 15-Dec-2024	Belfast Giants	Sheffield Steelers	16:00
94	Sun 15-Dec-2024	Dundee Stars	Cardiff Devils	17:00
95	Sun 15-Dec-2024	Glasgow Clan	Guildford Flames	17:00
96	Sun 15-Dec-2024	Fife Flyers	Coventry Blaze	17:15



# 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	Lost	2-4
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15	Lost	0-4
Saturday Dec 14th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 15th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 21st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Dec 22nd	Belfast Giants	League	A	16:00		
Thursday Dec 26th	Dundee Stars	League	H	18:30		

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



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