



# THE FLYER







VS



**SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 2025**  
ELITE LEAGUE



# MATCH REPORT

Thursday 26th December 2024			2		3	Elite League	
Period Scores 1-1, 1-1, 0-1							
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza ✓
	Janis Voris	BackUp	Fynn Page	✗	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau ✗
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard ✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig ✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown ✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓	James Spence ✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓			Joe Lynch ✓
	Ferguson	Refs	Brown		Ward	Lines men	Rodger

It was the meeting of the bottom two teams in the league standings with the Flyers desperately seeking two points to close the nine point gap between themselves and the Stars over whom they had three games in hand. The Stars were without Craig Moore, Alexander Tonge and Brogan O'Brien. The Flyers welcomed back Lucas Chiodo, Olivier LeBlanc and Ben Brown into the line up with Phélix Martineau, James Spence and Fynn Page all missing out. Teenager Joe Lynch was drafted in on a two way deal with the Edinburgh Capitals to make his debut and follow in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather in playing for the Flyers.

The Stars had the first shot of the contest after 25 seconds when Drydn Dow tested Shane Owen with a shot from the point. Jarrett Fiske in the Stars net was called into action when he stopped a shot from the blueline by Brodie Kay with a screen in front of him with 80 seconds on the clock. The Flyers got the opening goal of the game moments later when Tyler Heidt weaved his way down from the blueline and then dragged the puck around a sprawling Fiske to pop it into the net. In the 3rd minute Owen had to be alert as he just got a piece of a flick by Keanu Yamamoto. In the 5th minute Michael Cichy was called for a rough on Philippe Sanche and the visitors went on the first power play of the match. It took only 5 seconds for them to level the game when the puck was fed back to Dow at the point and his shot towards net was redirected up into the top corner of the by Brendan Harms who was in the slot. In the 8th minute Owen was again in action when he got a blocker to a shot from Brett Gravelle who came barreling down the right wing. The Flyers responded in the 10th minute when Fiske produced a big toe save to deny Chiodo and the Stars keeper was busy again a minute later when he made a pad save after the puck was deflected at the edge of his crease by one of his own defencemen. A sweeping move by the Flyers in the 12th minute ended with Kieran Craig firing over Fiske's crossbar but the Stars were called for a penalty on the play with Craig Garrigan going to the box for hooking. The Flyers power play didn't get anything set up to start with and almost lost a shorthanded goal when Spencer Naas broke up ice and his shot clanged the post and almost hit the back of Owen and roll into the net. As the man advantage was coming to an end Jordan Stallard had a clear sight of goal but Fiske shut him down to complete the kill. Owen made a superb reaction save in the 17th minute as Naas once again went close with a redirect from the slot. The Flyers went the other way on a 2 on 1 but Chiodo ran out of road as he took the puck to the net. He was then called for a slash as the play swung the other way and from the resultant delayed penalty both Owen and Sanche were also given offsetting minor penalties for slashing and interference respectively. Owen made another highlight stop during the kill as the puck bounced fortuitously to Naas who was once again stoned by the Fife keeper as the Flyers returned to full strength.

## PERIOD 2

In the opening minute of the second period Owen did well to track the puck as Alex Roberts got a shot on net following a spin-o-rama move. A minute later and the Stars won a face-off in the Flyers zone which resulted in a Sanche shot ringing off the post. The Flyers however did get the lead back again in the 23rd minute when they won a battle for the puck outside the Stars zone and Craig took the puck

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down the right boards before centering to Massimo Carozza who drove the net and chipped the puck past Fiske. Owen performed heroics again in the 25th minute when the Stars broke 2 on 1 and he again denied Naas before snagging the puck with his glove in a sprawling save on Harms. The Flyers then had a chance but Fiske swallowed a shot from Stallard before the home side were guilty of giving the puck away in the neutral zone and the Stars transitioned quickly and Naas feather the puck over to Zachary Tsekos who shot first time high into the net past Owen to level the game. The Stars really took the game by the scruff of the neck at that point and Owen was being peppered by shots in the Flyers goal but proved to be equal to everything that the Stars could throw at him. He made a shoulder save from a one timer and then stopped a slapshot by Ben O'Connor as the Stars penned the Flyers into their own zone for long spells. In a rare Flyers foray up ice Fiske dealt with a shot by Craig in the 30th minute. The waves of attack by the Stars continued with Jonathan McBean next with a good chance to be denied in the 32nd minute. A shot by Olivier LeBlanc in the 35th minute rebounded from Fiske and just failed to fall on the stick of Chiodo. In the final two minutes of the period Ryan Foss set up a chance for Chiodo but his shout slid just wide of the target.

## PERIOD 3

The Flyers had the first chance of the third period when Stallard sent Chiodo in on goal but Fiske made a strong pad save. Owen made a fine leg save in the 42nd minute to deny a tipped shot by McBean. Kameron Kielly saw his wicked wrist shot blocked away by Owen in the 45th minute and in the 48th minute the Fife keeper made a save with his shoulder to keep the puck out from an O'Connor shot. Following the Stars spell of dominance in the middle period the game returned to being a fairly even contest and in the 51st minute Kris Inglis was called for slashing and breaking the stick of Cichy to return the Flyers to the power play. Fiske didn't have anything too threatening to deal with as the Stars killed the penalty and back at even strength Fiske made a very good stick save to stop a wrist shot from the high slot from Craig. In the 53rd minute the Flyers had another 2 on 1 break involving Cichy and Chiodo who slid the puck just wide of target. Moments later the Stars took the lead for the first time as they drew Owen out of position and as the keeper bit on a possible shot by Gravelle he passed the puck across the slot to Sanche who had an easy slam dunk into a wide open net. Cichy and Chiodo again had an odd man break but the puck wouldn't fall for either. Owen made a huge pad save on Tsekos in the 57th minute and a minute later Fiske also came up huge when he made a stick save to deny Daniel Krenželok. The Flyers called a timeout and pulled Owen for an extra skater for the remaining time Noah Delmas got a shot on the Stars goal that Fiske held on to and Delmas at the other end then got a nick on the puck to deflect it wide of the unguarded home goal but try as Flyers might the Stars were able to wind down the clock and claim the win.

Flyers Stats					Stars Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Heidt	Stallard	Farley	1	Harms	Dow	Tsekos	For	
25	Carozza	Craig	Foss	2	Tsekos	Naas	MacDonald	38	
Shots				3	Sanche	Gravelle	Tsekos	Shots	
Against				4				Against	
38				5				25	
PIMS				6				PIMS	
6				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Chiodo				10				Fiske	



STARS

# MATCH NIGHT ACTION







JILLIAN MCFARLANE  
& DEREK YOUNG





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Saturday 28th December 2024				7		2	Elite League	
Line ups	Period Scores 1-2, 2-0, 4-0,							
	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Janis Voris	BackUp	Fynn Page	✗	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✗
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
	Craig	Refs	Ferguson		Rodger	Lines men	Thorpe	

The Flyers travelled across the Tay to meet the Dundee Stars looking to claw back a couple of points on the team who sat once position but 11 points ahead of them at the foot of the standings. The Flyers were still without the injured Phélix Martineau with James Spence and Fynn Page also scratched whilst Shane Owen was once again the starting netminder. The Stars listed the same roster that won in Kirkcaldy two days earlier with only one small change of their choice of back up netminder.

17 seconds into the game and Brendan Harms got a redirect on the puck in the slot to send it high into the back netting. Owen then had to make a pad save on a Kris Inglis shot from the point and still inside the opening minute Ryan Foss was played in by Massimo Carozza but he didn't have an angle to beat Jarrett Fiske who made the block. In the 2nd minute Noah Delmas did well to tie up Zachary Tsekos who would have had an empty net if he had made contact with a cross crease pass. The Stars almost opened the scoring when Keanu Yamamoto pinged Owen's right hand post with a wrister but moments later the home side were ahead when Spencer Naas was on the edge of the Flyers crease to tip the puck over Owen from a pass by Harms. In the 8th minute Kyle Pouncy was at the back door but Owen got square to his shot. The visitors got the game tied up on the next shift as Xavier Pouliot bobbled the puck inside the Flyers zone and Kieran Craig nipped in to head down ice and beat Fiske on the back hand as he slid the puck into the corner under his pad. In the 9th minute Patrick Kyte put the puck on Austin Farley's stick and his redirect was saved by Fiske with Ben O'Connor being called for a slash on the play to put the Flyers on the first power play of the night. The visitors controlled the puck from the off in the Stars zone and were patient in trying to open up a quality chance. Fiske blocked away a shot from Lucas Chiodo but he could do nothing about a shot from just inside the blueline by Kyte that found the bottom corner on his stick side. In the 13th minute the Stars almost capitalised on a giveaway behind the Flyers net and Philippe Sanche saw his wraparound attempt blocked by Owen. A minute later and Owen made a pad save on a big one timer from O'Connor and as the Stars cycled the puck Alex Robert got free at the back post but Owen made a sprawling save to deny him. Olivier LeBlanc had a clear sight of goal in the 15th minute but from the slot he shot over the bar before Kyte drove the net but the puck was deflected away to safety. In the 18th minute Owen held a shot from Jonathan McBean and in the final minute of the period Drydn Dow gave the puck away behind his net but neither Michael Cichy, Chiodo or Craig could force the puck past Fiske.

## PERIOD 2

In the opening minute the Stars had an escape as the puck got stuck on a patch of water and Chiodo had a clear sight of goal from the slot but fired wide. In the 22nd minute the visitors created another good opportunity when Foss found Carozza who couldn't handle the puck cleanly and his shot trickled in on Fiske who made the save. The Stars went on their first power play in the 23rd minute when the Flyers were called for too many men on the ice. The Stars started their man advantage with a blast from Dow that Owen blocked and that was their only direct shot on goal as the Flyers went on to make a comfortable kill. Owen had to look sharp in the 26th minute to make a stick save as the Flyers



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were caught on the rush but the home side did get the leveler a minute later when a Sanche wrister from the bottom of the circles ended up in the net with Owen not getting enough of the puck to keep it out. In the 28th minute the Stars almost took the lead again when McBean hit the post with a back hand shot from an angle that had Owen beaten. In the next minute Fiske came up with a glove save on a Brodie Kay shot. A one timer from Ben Brown in the 31st minute from the slot flashed past the right hand post and then Fiske made a save on an effort by Farley. The Stars went back on the power play in the 32nd minute as Olivier LeBlanc was called for a major penalty for slashing when he went to play the stick of Jake Elmer with the Stars man going down on the ice but got back up immediately. It took the officials almost four minutes to review the play before LeBlanc was sent to the dressing room. The Stars started the five minute man advantage with a shot by Brett Gravelle into Owen's glove. The Flyers came up with a sterling effort on the kill and with just over a minute remaining Farley won the puck in the Stars end and Elmer hooked Jordan Stallard to get the gate. The teams skated 4 on 4 and almost immediately Kyle Pouncy found Kameron Kielly drifting into the slot and he managed to lift the puck over Owen into the net. The Flyers returned to full strength for a short power play and a shot by Kyte was swallowed by Fiske as the Stars completed the kill. Elmer returned to the ice and broke in on Owen who got a piece of his shot with his stick. In the final minute Farley almost found the net with a backhand attempt from an angle.

## PERIOD 3

In the 42nd minute Kyte gained the zone for the Flyers and found Stallard with the puck who shot wide whilst at the other end Owen made a pad save on Gravelle who got in behind the Flyers defence. The Stars went back on the power play in the 44th minute after a play that saw Tyler Heidt wiped out from a blindside collision with a Stars player and Foss remonstrated with referee Craig who assessed him a 2+10 for abuse of official. The home side made their advantage count when a Naas shot was spilled by Owen and Harms picked up the rebound to beat the Fife goalie as the puck just squeezed in at the post. The Flyers were a man short again in the 45th minute when Carozza was called for a slash and once again the Stars took full advantage when Dow from up high in the slot fired a shot high over the shoulder of Owen to extend the lead to 5-2. Cichy had a good chance in the 47th minute when he was alone in the slot but he fired wide of the Stars net. The home side piled in the misery for the visitors who coughed up the puck in the 50th minute in neutral ice and Craig Garrigan raced in on goal and beat Owen with a back hand shot on his stick side. Another Stars power play followed in the 51st minute which the Flyers were able to kill without any serious danger around their goal. Back at even strength Owen had to shut the door on Naas who took the puck to the net. In the 55th minute O'Connor let another bomb of a shot go that was spilled by Owen and Naas was on hand to drag the puck across his crease and beat him five hole to complete the scoring. In the 58th minute another O'Connor shot was blocked by Owen who then made a smart save to deny McBean from close range as the Stars completed back to back wins against their rivals.

Stars Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Naas	Harms	Kielly	1	Craig			For	
59	Sanche	Gravelle	O'Connor	2	Kyte	Delmas	Farley	26	
Shots	Kielly	Pouncy		3				Shots	
Against	Harms	Naas		4				Against	
26	Dow	Elmer		5				59	
PiMS	Garrigan	Robert		6				PiMS	
4	Naas	O'Connor	Kielly	7				43	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Naas				10				Craig	



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# GETTING TO KNOW #9

## BRODIE KAY

*Date of Birth – July 18, 2006*

*Position - Defence*

*Age - 18*

*Height - 185 cm / 6'1"*

*Place of Birth - Edinburgh*

*Weight - 82 kg / 181 lbs*

*Shoots - Right*

*International Career*

*2022/23 - Great Britain U18 WC's*





# #9 WE ASKED...

**What other sports did you play growing up?**

Just focused on ice hockey and done lots of public skating

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

Mum and Dad

**Who is the best player you have played with?**

Adam Jeko (at juniors)

**Who is the best player you have played against?**

Not sure yet

**What is the most memorable game you have played in?**

Debut game for Flyers against Dundee Stars

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

Fife best, least favourite Kilmarnock

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

None

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

Cheer for the Edmonton Oilers, against the Edinburgh Capitals

**Most admired hockey player and why?**

Cale Makar, Skating ability and creativity

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

Make skating a priority

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

Skating and improve shooting and scoring

**Pre-game routine?**

Tape sticks make sure everything is ready

**Pre-game meal?**

Chicken, rice & avocado

**Any gameday superstitions?**

None

**Favourite other sport(s) to play?**

None

**Favourite other sport(s) to watch?**

Formula 1

**Favourite athlete (non hockey)?**

Erling Haaland

**Favourite sports team (non hockey)?**

F1 Redbull

**Which do you prefer books or movies?**

Movies

**Favourite TV show(s)?**

Breaking Bad

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

Buffalo chicken wings

**Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?**

Sparkling water

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

My Grandad passed away last year who was a huge Flyers fan and never got to see my debut so it would have to be him, Connor McDavid, Erling Haaland & Max Verstappen

**Favourite singer/music/band?**

Playboi Carti

**What is your favourite vacation destination?**

Florida

**What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?**

PE , least favourite Maths

**What is your go to Karaoke song?**

Rappers Delight

**Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?**

"BK"

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

Score every time I shoot the puck.

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

Phone, chicken wings & sparkling water





**How many languages do you speak?**

One

**If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?**

A barber

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Monday 30th December 2024			3		8	Elite League	
Period Scores 1-2, 1-3, 1-3,							
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza ✓
	Janis Voris	BackUp	Fynn Page	✗	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau ✗
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard ✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig ✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown ✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓	James Spence ✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓			
Brown		Refs	Ferguson		Gibson	Lines men	Rodger

The Flyers hosted the Glasgow Clan in their final home game of 2024. The home side were along familiar lines with Phelix Martineau still sidelined and James Spence and Fynn Page scratched. The Clan welcomed back Landon Bow after injury as their starting netminder with Matt Berry, Darian Kielb and Kyle Carruth their scratches.

The Flyers opened the game brightly and inside 30 seconds carved out the first chance with Massimo Carozza going down the left wing but he elected to make the pass cross crease rather than take the shot and the puck was scrambled clear. The Flyers went on the power play in the 3rd minute when Nick Prkusic was called for a hook in the Flyers zone. The Flyers enjoyed plenty of controlled zone time with the puck in the Clan end but the nearest they came was a Patrick Kyte shot from the circles that Bow saved with his shoulder. As the penalty was running down the Clan were called for another infraction with Chris McKay going to the box for a trip. The Clan cleared their zone from the face off and returned to four skaters as the Flyers again had plenty of possession with the man advantage but couldn't get a good look at Bow who made his only serious save in the final few seconds when he went post to post to deny Jordan Stallard. The game settled into a neutral zone battle with neither goalie being called upon to make a significant save and in the 11th minute Shane Owen blocked away a shot from the high slot by Steven Seigo. Clan however cycled the puck back up top to Seigo who saw his shot hit a body in front of Owen and it looped over the Fife goalies shoulder and dropped into the net. The Flyers were back on level terms in the 13th minute following a breakdown in the Clan zone that allowed Massimo Carozza to pick the puck up and feed it over to Ryan Foss who buried a one timer stick side on Bow. Less than a minute later however the Clan were back in front after Rylan Schwartz from behind the Flyers goal picked out Chris McKay who skated into the slot and he fired low into the corner of the net. The visitors missed a golden chance in the 15th minute when the puck was fed out of the corner to Liam Finlay who came in at the back door but he somehow fired wide of the net. Bow had the final save of the period when he denied Chiodo from the left wing with a fine toe stop.

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20 seconds into the middle period Owen came up with a fine pad save on a blueline shot by Simon Despres. In the 21st minute Ben Brown got a clear sight of goal but shot wide from the slot before Clan went the other way and increased their lead when Deven Sideroff went to the net and snuck the puck in at the post on Owen's glove side. The visitors had their tails up and in the next shift Owen had to scramble the puck away from his net twice as the Flyers were under intense pressure. The Flyers almost got one back in the 24th minute when Bow falling back into his net managed to stop the puck with his skate blade from a Foss effort in the slot.



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Flyers Stats					Clan Stats			
Shots For	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	Shots For
For	Foss	Carozza	Craig	1	Seigo	Heard	Schwartz	For
<b>25</b>	Carozza			2	McKay	Schwartz	Heard	<b>46</b>
Shots	Farley	Heidt	Carozza	3	Sideroff			Shots
Against				4	Schwartz	Jameson	Hazeldine	Against
<b>46</b>				5	Finlay	Schwartz	Heard	<b>25</b>
PiMS				6	Schwartz	Heard	McKay	PiMS
<b>4</b>				7	McLellan	Ully	Kelly	<b>4</b>
				8	Despres	Heard		
<b>MOM</b>				9				<b>MOM</b>
Craig				10				Schwartz



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# 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	31	0	2	2	0	0	0	10	1249	0.89	4.68	0	0	1768	138	
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	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	285	0.88	5.09	0	0	389	33	
Cameron Kenny	G	20	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	36	1	11	12	1	6	7			0		5	5	14	36	
Madi Dikhanbek	D	27	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	42	
Tyler Heidt	D	35	4	9	13	1	2	3			0	3	7	10	26	62	
Brodie Kay	D	32	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	20	
Daniel Krenželok	D	35	3	5	8	1	3	4			0	2	2	4	38	122	
Patrick Kyte	D	33	1	4	5	1	1	2			0		3	3	39	44	
Olivier LeBlanc	D	29	0	8	8		1	1			0		7	7	39	24	
Fynn Page	D	11	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	
Josh Saunders	D	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	1	
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0			
Lucas Chiodo	F	35	11	24	35	4	7	11			0	7	17	24	10	99	
Michael Cichy	F	35	14	12	26	5	3	8			0	9	9	18	12	67	
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22	
Austin Farley	F	21	4	8	12	1	1	2			0	3	7	10	8	43	
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	31	17	15	32	5	6	11			0	12	9	21	20	122	
Maxim Musorov	F	22	5	4	9		1	1			0	5	3	8	6	46	
Drake Pilon	F	29	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	11	1	0	1			0			0	1		1	0	6	
Ryan Foss	F	24	5	6	11	1	4	5			0	4	2	6	47	42	
Aiden Wilson	F	12	0	0	0			0			0			0	4	3	
Massimo Carozza	F	15	5	4	9	1	1	2			0	4	3	7	2	32	
Jordan Stallard	F	13	1	2	3			0			0	1	2	3	4	17	
Ben Brown	F	7	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	9	
Kieran Craig	F	5	1	2	3			0			0	1	2	3	4	9	
Owen Dell	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	
Rhys Edwards	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	
Joe Lynch	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0	
Players in BLUE are everpresent																	
Inc All Competitions														Team	18		
Figures as at 31/12/2024			Totals	80	139	217	22	43	65	0	0	0	58	94	152	366	992
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

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Tuesday 31st December 2024				5		1	Elite League	
Period Scores 1-0, 1-0,3-1								
L i n e  U p s	Janis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Shane Owen	BackUp	Fynn Page	✗	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✗
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Aiden Wilson	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓	James Spence	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
	Craig	Refs	Ferguson		Dolan	Lines men	Connor	

An afternoon face off for this sold out Hogmanay clash with the Flyers looking to regain some pride following the heavy defeat suffered on home ice less than 24 hours earlier against the Clan. The visitors roster was the same as the night before with Janis Voris getting the start in net. For the home side they also made a goaltending change and Landon Bow was scratched with Lucas Brine getting the start. Also added to their line up were Darien Kielb and Matt Berry with Reece Kelly and Nick Prkusic dropping out. The first save of the game came in the 2nd minute as Voris held a shot from Liam Finlay from the left wing. The Fife keeper was in action again in the 4th minute when he gloved a loose puck that bobbed towards his net off the body of one of his defencemen. Moments later Deven Sideroff broke in from the right hand side and Voris made a good poke check to take the puck off his stick. Brine saw his first action in the 6th minute when Michael Cichy tested him with a rising shot that he stopped with his shoulder. Voris was sharp again as he held a Sideroff shot but could do nothing to prevent the Clan from opening the scoring in the 8th minute when they cycled the puck around in the high slot before Tyson McLellan found Cole Ullly on the right side and he fired high into the Fife net. In the 9th minute Matt Berry took the puck to the net and Voris did well to stop it from crossing the line before it was cleared from his crease. The Flyers had the next chance in the 11th minute when Austin Farley fed the puck to Massimo Carozza but Brine saw the shot all the way to make the glove save. Brine made a fine pad save as he extended his right leg along the ice in the 17th minute to deny Jordan Stallard. A one timer by Rylan Schwartz in the 17th minute was fought off by Voris. In the final 30 seconds the Flyers went on the games first power play as Simon Despres was called for delay of game as he shot the puck over the glass. The Clan comfortably saw the period out on the kill.

## PERIOD 2

The Clan completed their penalty kill to start the second period without the Flyers generating any clear cut chances. In the 22nd minute Stallard tried to go short side on Brine who shut him down and as the Clan broke up ice into the Flyers zone where Kieran Craig was called for tripping to put the Clan on their first power play of the game. Mitchell Heard went close with a tip from the edge of the crease going over the crossbar before Voris smothered an effort from Ullly who was lurking around the net. The Flyers returned to full strength but were under pressure again in the 25th minute when Keaton Jameson released Matt Stief with a stretch pass and Voris did well to close the five hole to keep his shot out. Clan recovered the puck however and Félix Paré beat his man to the net to lift the puck over Voris from a Stief pass to double the home sides advantage. In the 28th minute Ullly grazed the outside of the post with a shot. Voris was kept busy as he stoned Robert Lachowicz 1 on 1 and soon after Paré broke into the Flyers zone but was hooked by Michael Cichy on the play before Voris made a double save including a windmill stop with his pads. The Clan had an early chance on their power play and a wicked wrister from Sideroff glanced off the shoulder of Voris who then made another save on Lachowicz as the visitors killed off the Clan man advantage. In the 35th minute the Clan turned over the puck and Austin Farley stole into the zone only to be hooked by Heard as the Flyers went on their second power play.



# MATCH REPORT

It was the Clan however who twice came close to adding to the scoreboard. Firstly on a 2 on 1 break Voris had to look smart to deny Schwartz and then on a 3 on 2 break Alex Forbes was denied by the Fife goalie. In the final few seconds of the power play the Flyers eventually got a look at Brine who made a fine pad save from a Carozza shot from the circles as the Clan returned to full strength and the period ended without any further clear scoring chances for either side.

## PERIOD 3

In the opening minute of the third period Clan pressed the Flyers in their own zone and Voris had to come up with a couple of saves. In the 42nd minute McLellan couldn't make a clean connection with the puck at the back post. The Flyers were completely out of luck in the 43rd minute when Michael Cichy broke into the zone and his shot pass went through Brine and the puck was heading into the net before it inadvertently hit Chiodo's stick on the goal line which kept it out of the net before Clan completed the clearance. The play was reviewed but the puck clearly hadn't crossed the line. In the 44th minute a huge blast by Simon Despres from the circles caught a piece of Voris and the outside of the post. Voris a minute later denied the same Clan player this time from closer range. The Clan added to their lead in the 46th minute when Chris Martenet drove the net and Voris made a fine pad save before the puck fell to Matt Berry in the slot who knocked it into the net. The Flyers used their Coaches Challenge for goalie interference but after a five minute review the call on the ice of good goal was upheld and the Flyers were assessed a delay of game penalty. The visitors almost got a short handed goal after a quick up play by Voris put the puck back into the Clan zone where Brine mishandled his pass giving the puck straight to Craig who struck the bar with his shot. The Flyers completed the penalty kill with Voris doing well to stop a close in shot by Jamieson. In the 49th minute the Fife keeper again did well when he swallowed a shot from the circles from Finlay. The Flyers broke the shutout in the 50th minute when Clan coughed the puck up in neutral ice and Chiodo released Carozza with a pass who beat Brine five hole with his shot. The goal gave the Flyers some momentum and in the 52nd minute a toe drag by Chiodo opened up a shot but Brine was well positioned. Voris then made a pad save moments later to deny Schwartz in the slot. Alex Forbes then fanned on the puck with a wide open net to aim at and at the other end Brine made a save on Cichy as both teams went end to end with chances. Martenet brought down Cichy and was binned for a cross check as the Flyers went on another power play. The Flyers best chance came from Foss who was denied by Brine from close range as the Clan returned to full strength and Jamieson rang a shot off the Flyers post. In the 57th minute Brine saved a snapshot from Daniel Krenželok and then Clan missed a golden chance with two players camped around Voris but Sideroff failed to hit the target. Clan added a couple more goals in the final two minutes both of which summed up the Flyers fortunes. The first was a Martenet shot from the blueline that struck the stick of McLellan in the slot and shot up into the roof of the net and then a Chris McKay shot from distance struck Paré and the puck was going wide before it hit a Flyers stick to deflect it in behind Voris.

Clan Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Ully	McLellan	Finlay	1	Carozza	Chiodo		For	
51	Pare	Stief	Berry	2				14	
Shots	Berry	Martenet	Ully	3				Shots	
Against	McLellan	Martenet	Finlay	4				Against	
14	Pare	McKay	Stief	5				51	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
6				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Pare				10				Carozza	



# CLAN MATCH NIGHT ACTION



GLASGOW CLAN





# WEEK 17 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

## On Thursday night.....

### Fife Flyers 2 Dundee Stars 3 - Elite League

The Flyers opening goal at 01:32 was their fastest in a game this season.

Congratulations to Joe Lynch who made his Flyers debut – the 25th player to do so this season.

Joe also became the 3rd generation of the Lynch family to play for the Flyers – the only other family to feature three generations plating for the Flyers are the Lovell's.

A total of 215 players have now dressed for Flyers during their 13 EIHL seasons.

Congratulations to Kieran Craig who scored his first point as a Flyer.

The 6 Stars shots on the Flyers net in the third period equals the lowest against in a period this season.

For the first time in 9 matches the Flyers scored the opening goal of the game. The last time they did so was 23rd November against Cardiff.

The Flyers have now scored the opening goal in 7 of the 33 matches played this season.

The Flyers had a lead(s) in the game for the first time in five matches.

## On Saturday night.....

### Dundee Stars 7 Fife Flyers 2 - Elite League

The Stars made it 5 consecutive wins against the Flyers which equals their best ever streak against Fife in all EIHL competitions.

Stars have now only lost once in their last 7 meetings with the Flyers.

Stars 59 shots on Flyers goal equalled the most given up by Fife in a game this season.

Congratulations to Patrick Kyte and Kieran Craig who each scored their first goal for the Flyers.

Philippe Sanche increased his team leading goals total against the Flyers to 16 in all EIHL competitions.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's							
2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	12	44 Sam Anderson	2	77 James Ions	1
3 Tom Pering	1	20 Pavel Halas	7	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	1	24 Rene Jensen	1
9 Joe Sewell	2	23 Andrew Miller		46 Andrew Jarvie	2		
11 Matt Rose	2	25 Andrew Dalton	3	48 Oliver Truswell			
14 Chris Wells	3	42 Hollie Neenan	1	49 Daniel Ferguson	13		
16 Alan Craig	9	43 Graham Rodger	9	52 Stephen Matthews	2		





# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 18 (PART 2)




### Recent Form Guide

The Coventry Blaze last met the Flyers in mid-December. Following their win in Kirkcaldy the Blaze travelled to Belfast in midweek where they were on the wrong end of a 4-1 scoreline. The weekend before Christmas started with a heavy defeat on home ice as the Manchester Storm secured a handsome 5-1 win at the Skydome. The following night a point was returned on the road in a 3-2 shootout loss against the Guildford Flames. The mini slump was arrested with a Boxing Day win against the league leading Cardiff Devils who were beaten 5-2 in the Midlands. The return fixture in Wales two days later saw the Devils get the win with the odd goal in five in a game that saw a feisty ending. In midweek The Blaze suffered their heaviest defeat of the season when they went down 9-2 in Nottingham on Hogmanay and they were then shut out for the third time this season when they lost 3-0 against the Panthers at the Skydome on New Years day.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM BLAZE


Sunday

15th December 2024




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7



Elite League



Flyers Stats				Blaze Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Cichy	Martineau	Chiodo	25	Goal 1	Gresock	Regush		45
			Shots Against	Goal 2	Gresock	Regush	Clements	Shots Against
			45	Goal 3	Kuqali	Tallberg	Heintz	25
			PiMS	Goal 4	Gresock	Alderson	Amorosa	PiMS
			35	Goal 5	Seitz	Gresock	Regush	8
			Goalie	Goal 6	Alderson	Seitz	Gresock	Goalie
			Owen	Goal 7	Constable	Hopkins	Seitz	Robson
				Goal 8				
				Goal 9				
				Goal 10				

### OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST BLAZE

P 30 W 16 L 14 F 88 A 79

### Number Crunching

The Flyers have lost their two encounters so far with the Blaze this season and have been outscored 3-16.

Michael Cichy has goals in both games against the Blaze this season.

Zach Seitz and Chase Gresock both have hat tricks against the Flyers this season and both have 4 goals on the season in the two games between the teams.

With 33 power play goals Coventry lead all teams with the man advantage with all but one of those goals scored by forwards.

The Blaze have the fourth most shots on goal for per game and also the third most against in all EIHL competitions this season.

The Blaze top scorer against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions is Ben Lake with 9 goals, Lake also has 14 goals against the Flyers with Belfast for a total of 23.

Top scorers for Flyers against the Blaze are Ryan Dingle and Carlo Finucci who each have 7 goals.



# WEEKEND PREVIEW




## WEEK 18 (PART 2)



### Recent Form Guide

Following the last meeting of the teams in early December when the Flames recorded a shutout win in Kirkcaldy they travelled midweek to meet the Sheffield Steelers and suffered their heaviest defeat of the season when they were shellacked 9-0 at the Utilita Arena. The following weekend there was frustration when they were on the road again with a visit to Glasgow where the ice plant failed and the game was abandoned with the score tied at one apiece with the Clan. The weekend before Christmas started with a 6-4 defeat in Nottingham before the Flames got back in the win column with a shootout win against the Coventry Blaze at the Spectrum. Their travel woes continued on Boxing Day as the Flames went down 7-4 in Manchester but on home ice two days later they flipped the scoreline with a 6-4 win against the Storm to make it three consecutive wins at the Spectrum. The Flames ended 2024 with a trip to meet the Devils on Hogmanay where they went down 5-1 before entertaining the Devils at the Spectrum on New Years day where they picked up both points against the league leaders with a 5-3 win. Ahead of hosting the Flyers the Flames will return to the Utilita Arena to meet the Steelers on Saturday night.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO FLAMES

Sunday 29th September 2024					4	1		Elite League	
Flames Stats					Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
Tait	Ferguson	Dodero	34	Goal 1	Cichy	Chiodo	Musorov	24	
Coughler	Locke	Brown	Shots Against	Goal 2				Shots Against	
Jacome	Catenacci	Dow	24	Goal 3				34	
Strang	Crocock	Catenacci	PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS	
			8	Goal 5				10	
				Goal 6					
			Goalie	Goal 7				Goalie	
			Kupsky	Goal 8				Owen	
				Goal 9					
				Goal 10					

### OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST FLAMES

P 18 W 8 L 10 F 42 A 59

### Number Crunching

The Flyers have one win against the Flames in their last nine visits to the Spectrum. During that sequence the Flyers have been outscored 15-34.

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

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

Flames Brett Ferguson requires 1 goal, to tie Ian Watters who has 12 as their top scorer in EIHL games against the Flyers.

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

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

The Flames have the third fewest goals per game average at 2.89 in all EIHL competitions this season. Flyers have fewest at 2.22.

The Flames with an average of 30.17 shots per game have the second fewest across all competitions this season.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 17



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

## Thursday 26th December

### **Glasgow Clan 5    Belfast Giants 1    Elite League**

(1-0, 1-0, 3-1) SOG 33-41    PIMs 48-19    Att 3607

Glasgow Clan made it seven wins in eight games with a 5-1 victory over Belfast Giants at a sold-out crowd of 3,607 at Braehead Arena. A feisty opening period at Braehead Arena saw Clan in the lead despite spending some nine minutes of the period shorthanded. Simon Despres' shot from the point was deflected into his own net by Ben Lake in the slot with 4:12 played, while four minutes later the Clan went short when Tyson McLellan was called for roughing – despite good pressure from the Giants, Rylan Schwartz was also unlucky not to score shorthanded. Mitchell Heard and Mark Cooper were called for fighting which the former most definitely started, and took an instigator penalty as well. In the final five minutes of the period, Chris McKay was ejected for a hit on Mack Stewart, called checking to the head after video review. With the game being played 4-on-4, Schwartz then did put the Clan two ahead. Simon Despres let Cole Ullly's feed pass through his legs to the on-rushing Schwartz who fired past Tom McCollum 67 seconds into the period. That was the only goal of the middle session, which saw Clan failed to capitalise on two powerplays. Clan again started the new period quickly. With 70 seconds played in the third, a Schwartz feed to the front of the net was poked through McCollum's five-hole by Deven Sideroff to make the home side three ahead. Josh Roach finally got the Giants on the board at 42:13 to make it a two-goal game. Inside the final ten minutes, Elijah Barriga was found in all kinds of space but could only watch Lucas Brine deny him cutting the deficit back to just a goal.

### **Sheffield Steelers 2    Nottingham Panthers 4    Elite League**

(1-3, 1-1, 0-0) SOG 33-23    PIMs 4-8    Att 9368

Nottingham Panthers logged a second straight win over Sheffield for the first time in league action since 2020 with a 4-2 win over the Steelers at a sold-out 9,368 crowd at the Utilita Arena. The defeat was the Steelers' fourth in a row, while Panthers' goalie Ryan Bednard recorded his ninth win in 10 games. Having started well and forcing the hosts into a couple of early icings with no line changes, the Panthers took the lead just over two minutes into things. An Otto Nieminen pass was swung at by Jordan Kelsall and snuck over Matt Greenfield's pad to trickle over the line. With 4:39 on the clock, the Steelers got caught 2-on-1 the other way and an excellent Logan Neilson pass put the puck on the stick of Ollie Betteridge to finish high past Greenfield and double the Panthers' lead. Sheffield came into the game and after some sustained offensive zone pressure were rewarded with their first of the game. Maxim Golod deflected Brian Diffley's shot from the point, and was then on hand to poke home the loose back that had rolled behind Ryan Bednard. As the opening period went on, the Panthers were lucky to stay ahead – a couple of loose pucks in and around Bednard saw some desperate clearances, one in particular from Niskala to keep the visitors ahead. Somewhat against the run of play, the puck was worked to the on-rushing Zsombor Garát who flicked the puck past Greenfield short side off the post to make it 3-1 at 17:10. The Panthers' two-goal lead was extended to three early in the second. A throw on net from Mitchell Fossier was deflected by Sam Herr and then off Steelers' Finlay Ulrick before looping past Greenfield at 24:49. Sheffield brought the score back to within two again through Marc-Olivier Vallerand with just over seven minutes left in the period on the rush, but could, and perhaps should, have found themselves further behind through 40 minutes. Sheffield kept the Panthers pinned in their zone through the opening phases of the final period but without much of a final product. Matt Spencer came to Bednard's rescue during a goal-mouth scramble in the final 10 minutes to keep the 4-2 scoreline. Greenfield was pulled with 1:59 to play but the extra skater couldn't get them back to one behind. The Panthers killed off two penalties in the final period as the host side's powerplay struggled to get going, and the visitors held on for the 4-2 win.



# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 17



## **Coventry Blaze 5 Cardiff Devils 2 Elite League**

(1-1, 2-0, 2-1) SOG 40-26 PIMs 21-44 Att 2746

Coventry Blaze ended a three-game loss streak with a 5-2 win over a short-benched Cardiff Devils in front of a crowd of 2,746 at the Skydome. Michael Regush scored a candidate for goal of the season to move the Blaze three-goals clear with just over five minutes to go. "My dad has been here for the last two games and basically gave me a kick in the backside for our performances against Manchester and Guildford, so I'm happy to get some points and help the team tonight!" said Regush after the game. "The crowd was incredible tonight, playing in a sold-out arena, and we fed off the energy. It was a great bounce back performance from where we were five days or so ago, and now we need to use it as momentum when we play Cardiff again in a few days." An exciting opening period in Coventry saw the teams locked in at one each after 20 minutes. The Blaze controlled most of the play, but found themselves a goal down to Joey Martin's wrist shot that beat Mat Robson short side with 9:47 played. After some good chances at the other end, the Blaze were level off the stick of David Clements who slapped home an excellent pass from Alessio Luciani behind the net some four minutes later. Coventry took control of the game in the middle period as the Devils' short bench began to tell. Chase Gresock scored just 13 seconds into things to put the home side ahead – Mac Carruth came out to play the puck behind the net, didn't make it, but wasn't entirely set back in position to stop Gresock's one-timer finding the back of the net. With 32:41 played, neither Terrance Amorosa nor Nick Seitz could beat Carruth, but Grayson Constable did from a slightly tight angle to make it 3-1. The Devils killed a couple of penalties before the period was out, with Evan Mosey jumping back on the ice onto a breakaway only for Mat Robson to deny him as the period neared its end. Josh MacDonald, the league's leading point scorer, got the Devils back into things 5:13 into period three, but two goals in the final ten minutes settle things in the home side's favour. "The more you play, having a crowd like we had tonight help us through as we got tired was incredible," added Regush. "They were awesome tonight and really helped us in the third period when it got to 3-2. Their energy was huge for us." Nick Seitz converted on the powerplay with 8:45 to play to make it 4-2, before Regush went from the red line, controlling a bouncing puck, to beat Carruth and make it 5-2 with 5:40 to play. The win meant the Blaze were the only team that started the day in the top four to get a victory on Boxing Day. "I think this is the best time of the year, not just because it's Christmas," concluded Regush. "You just play hockey. Practices are shorter, you have to be mentally better prepared because you get less practice, and honestly I think it's the best part of hockey when you get to play like this."

## **Manchester Storm 7 Guildford Flames 4 Elite League**

(3-2, 3-2, 1-0,) SOG 39-32 PIMs 10-22 Att 2276

A 2,276-strong crowd at the Storm Shelter in Altrincham was treated to an 11-goal thriller on Boxing Day, with Manchester Storm running out 7-4 winners over Guildford Flames. The Flames raced into an early lead. Ethan Strange one-timed Brett Ferguson's feed past Evan Weninger to open the scoring just 1:54 into things, while Charlie Curti stepped into the play to finish from a Sam Talbot pass just over four minutes later. Three goals in under ten minutes then swung things back in favour of the Storm. Alexis D'Aoust fired home on the breakaway at 8:41 to get them on the board, and then Dallas Ehrhardt cut into the circle for a neat powerplay goal at 11:59 to tie things up. Grant Hebert got an a defensive clearance and needed only the one touch to slot past Jake Kupsy and put Storm ahead with 2:07 left in period one. Captain Cam Critchlow beat Kupsy through a screen 6:09 into the second to make it 4-2, and although Josh Waller brought it back to 4-3 at 28:2, Joe Morrow shot from the point to score the home side's third powerplay goal of the night to put them back two ahead. Critchlow's second of the night made it 6-3 with 2:30 remaining in the period, although Ryan Tait struck 17 seconds before the buzzer to bring the score back to 6-4. Having seen 10 goals in 40 minutes, the crowd were given an easier time in the final period with just the one to cheer – Jake Durflinger calmly faking and then shooting into the empty net with 1:45 to go to seal a 7-4 win for the Storm.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 17



**Saturday 28th December**

## **Cardiff Devils 3    Coventry Blaze 2    Elite League**

(2-0, 1-1, 0-1,) SOG 39-43    PIMs 83-24    Att 3110

Cardiff Devils stayed four points clear at the top of the Elite League with a 3-2 win over Coventry Blaze at a sold-out Vindico Arena, in what became an increasingly more feisty game as the night went on. An explosive start for the Devils, who were on the front foot from the off, saw them go two up inside nine minutes. Josh MacDonald tipped Gleason Fournier's shot past Mat Robson through a screen to open the scoring with 6:16 played. Some 90 seconds later, another Fournier shot from the point went through a crowd and although Robson saved this time the loose puck was swept home by Joey Martin. 68 seconds into period two, Jackson Cressey took Terrance Amorosa's feed to the front of the net and, left all alone, slotted past Mac Carruth to make it a one-goal game. A boarding call on Kohen Olischefski gave the visitors the ideal opportunity to level, but instead they were beaten shorthanded by Evan Mosey who slid the puck past Robson at 23:30 to put the Devils back two ahead. The final period saw temperatures rising, but also excellent chances at both ends. Jack Hopkins made two stellar blocks on the same shift to keep the Blaze just two behind, while the Blaze couldn't make use of another Olischefski minor inside the final ten minutes. Robson left the net with 69 seconds to play, and with just two to go Grayson Constable finally got the puck over the line. The Blaze shot the puck from the resulting faceoff but only to give Carruth a routine save, however Nick Seitz chasing down the puck led to a line brawl in the corner of the Devils zone at the final buzzer. After that was all sorted out, it was the Devils who celebrated two points.

## **Belfast Giants 4    Glasgow Clan 1    Elite League**

(0-0, 4-0, 0-1,) SOG 32-23    PIMs 6-8    Att 6631

Belfast Giants kept up their chase of Cardiff Devils at the top of the table with a three-goal home win over Glasgow Clan at a sold-out SSE Arena. Lucas Brine was undoubtedly the star of the opening period, stopping 13 shots to keep the game scoreless as the Giants generated decent chances in front of him. The puck of the saves was a point-blank diving glove save to stop Kyle Osterberg after a deflection at the top of the crease, while Ciaran Long and Nick Prkusic also had a tussle in the first 20 minutes. Having kept his team in the game in the first period, Brine couldn't do much about the Giants running in four goals in the second. Just 39 seconds into the middle frame, a Jordan Kawaguchi drop pass set up Pierre-Olivier Morin in the slot for a nice wrist shot finish to open the scoring. The Giants broke 2-on-1 just over four minutes later and had Bobo Carpenter feed Kawaguchi for their second of the night. JJ Piccinich finished on the powerplay at 26:43 to make it 3-0, while Ben Lake made it four with just over five minutes left in the period. An excellent double save from McCollum in the period kept the Clan without score. Simon Despres had Clan back into things with just over 10 minutes to play in period three, but that was as close as the visitors came to any sort of a comeback, with Belfast taking the 4-1 win.

## **Nottingham Panthers 2    Sheffield Steelers 3    Elite League**

(0-0, 0-3, 2-0,) SOG 36-34    PIMs 9-7    Att 6924

Sheffield Steelers ended their four-game losing streak with a one-goal win in Nottingham, but had to survive a late Panthers fightback to do it. A sell-out crowd of 6,924 fans saw a thrilling game at the Motorpoint Arena. Ryan Bednard and Matt Greenfield were the standouts in the first period, both coming up with candidates for save of the week. Greenfield kept the Panthers out early after he was initially wrong-footed, and off a Jordan Kelsall tip, while a sprawling Bednard kept the Panthers on level terms as the Steelers grew into the game and should have gone ahead through Brandon Whistle at the far post. On balance, the Panthers were likely disappointed to have ended the period without having taken the lead, having out-shot their opponents 16-9. If the Panthers were feeling like they should have been leading after 20 minutes, the Steelers were deservedly up after 40. Robert Dowd broke the deadlock 5:20 into period two with the rebound off a Maxim Golod shot, the goal coming after some sustained passages of Steelers pressure. Shortly after, Didrik Henbrant was sent through 1-on-0 but draw Greenfield into a five-hole save in what proved to be a turning point in the game by not tying things up. The Steelers went two ahead when Dowd tipped Dominic Cormier's shot from the point at 32:37, and 2:58 before the end of the period made it 3-0 through Daniel Leavens – that goal coming on a powerplay after Cooper Zech had no choice but to hook Golod when he followed up a loose puck. Needing something to get his team going in the final period,



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Mitchell Fossier dropped the gloves with Marc-Olivier Vallerand, and that seemed to spark the home side into live. Just 22 seconds later, Didrik Hendrant broke through and finished high to beat Greenfield and get the Panthers on the board. 78 seconds following their first goal of the night, the Panthers added a second as Otto Nieminen's shot deflected off Ollie Betteridge to make it a one-goal game with 14:40 still left to play. Hugo Roy failed to hit the target inside the final ten minutes when doing so would likely have tied the game, and he also saw Greenfield stop a backhand effort as the clock ticked down. The Panthers pulled Bednard with 43 seconds to go, and on the final play of the game almost tied it - having struggled to get the puck to the net, Didrik Henbrant found the puck on his stick with literally the last shot of the game but found Greenfield in his way to secure the points for the Steelers.

## **Guildford Flames 6      Manchester Storm 4      Elite League**

(2-1, 3-2, 1-1,) SOG 29-45 PIMs 6-6 Att 1937

Guildford Flames avenged their 7-4 defeat in Manchester on Boxing Day with a 6-4 victory over the Storm in front of a sold-out Guildford Spectrum. The Flames needed captain Brett Ferguson on defense to plug gaps with only four recognised defensemen healthy for the game. "Fergie is a natural! He's a utility player for us there," said Charlie Dodero. "Every team goes through injuries during the same, it's the nature of the game, but you have to do the best with what you have. Everyone battled hard tonight, it took all 17 guys and Eamon in net to get us over the line." Manchester started the period the stronger and deserved to take an early lead- with everyone watching a board battle in the corner, no one picked up Chase Harrison in the slot who beat Eamon McAdam off a feed from Craig Martin with 3:35 played. The Storm outshot their hosts 18-8 in the opening period, but found themselves behind at the break thanks to two goals in under as many minutes. Daniel Catenacci got the final touch in a goal-mouth scramble to slide the puck under Evan Weninger at 14:51, while Charlie Curti wrapped-around the Storm goalie at 16:42 to put the Flames ahead. The goal-fest continued in the second period. Guildford controlled the opening phases and were rewarded with three goals in just over five minutes. Ethan Strang fired from the point to make it 3-1 on the powerplay at 22:18, before a Charlie Dodero one-timer off Catenacci's pass make it 4-1 at 24:04. Ryan Tait cut in from the wing and was given too much space in front to beat Weninger at 25:22 and put the Flames 5-1 ahead. This time it was Storm's turn to mount a fightback. Ryan Hughes started things at 32:19, while a neat play involving Stephen Johnson and Jake Durlinger saw the latter fire into an empty cage with McAdam stranded at 34:11 to make it a two-goal game through 40 minutes. A broken play set up the Flames to add a sixth 5:45 into period two, with Lewis Hook feeding Matt Alvaro in front for an excellent one-time finish to give the Flames a three-goal cushion again. Manchester weren't done though and pulled themselves back to within two off an Alexis D'Aoust slapshot with just under six minutes to go. With 2:02 remaining, Weninger, was pulled and Storm spent practically the remainder of the game in the Flames' zone. Big shots from the point were all stopped by McAdam as the home side held out for two points. The Flames ended the game with two powerplay goals after struggling on special teams in Manchester. "It was something we talked about after the last game," added Dodero. "We haven't had any practice sessions with the schedule as it is, but it was something we went over and everyone was dialed in tonight."







### 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

- 93 Ben Brown  
23 Massimo Carozza  
86 Lucas Chiodo 'A'  
78 Michael Cichy 'A'  
94 Kieran Craig  
41 Johnny Curran 'A'  
91 Austin Farley  
27 Ryan Foss  
22 Phélix Martineau  
72 Charles-Antoine  
Païement  
61 James Spence  
43 Jordan Stallard  
24 Aiden Wilson

Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
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10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

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

### Goalies

40 Will Bray

20 Mat Robson

### Defencemen

7 Terrance Amorosa

58 David Clements 'A'

21 Archie Hazeldine

3 Mike Kennedy

6 Alexander Kugali

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'

**Man of the Match Flyers:**

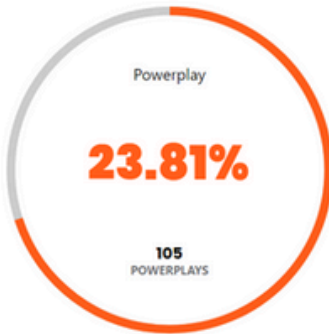
**Man of the Match Visitors:**
























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## BLAZE IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

<b>25</b> Games played	<b>12</b> Wins	<b>10</b> Losses	<b>1</b> Overtime wins	<b>2</b> Overtime losses	<b>0.560</b> Win %
<b>28</b> Points	<b>86</b> Goals scored	<b>78</b> Goals against	<b>3.44</b> Goals For average	<b>3.12</b> Goals Against average	<b>2127</b> Average attendance
<b>824</b> Shots on goal for	<b>888</b> Shots on goal against				



			Position	Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
	27	USACHase Gresock	FW	25	12	17	29	14	2	1	5	95	138	0	2	6	18:22
	19	CANMichael Regush	FW	25	8	21	29	8	1	0	2	58	82	282	294	3	18:04
	29	USANick Seitz	FW	25	16	12	28	29	6	2	7	71	96	0	2	6	16:45
	61	CANAlessio Luciani	FW	25	12	15	27	11	2	1	6	80	106	127	229	6	17:48
	13	CANGrayson Constable	FW	24	5	10	15	9	0	1	14	56	79	0	2	9	15:38
	64	CANBrandon Alderson	FW	23	6	8	14	25	6	0	-11	33	56	0	1	6	16:04
	16	SWEKim Tallberg	FW	24	4	10	14	18	3	0	-9	64	95	3	0	7	17:08
	92	SWEJakob Stridsberg	D	24	2	12	14	20	0	0	7	58	99	0	0	14	23:13
	7	CANTerrance Amorosa	D	25	1	12	13	10	0	0	3	59	104	0	0	17	23:06
	9	CANJackson Cressey	FW	25	4	5	9	38	2	0	-5	31	48	221	213	10	17:22
	6	USAAlexander Kuqali	D	23	2	7	9	8	0	1	0	22	38	0	0	17	16:31
	10	USAZach Heintz	FW	25	6	2	8	4	2	0	-5	31	47	1	0	8	15:05
	58	GBRDavid Clements	D	25	3	4	7	18	0	1	-6	33	60	0	0	11	19:22
	15	GBRJack Hopkins	FW	25	2	5	7	4	0	0	-3	22	35	67	64	5	10:51
	71	ESTMorten Jurgens	FW	25	2	4	6	29	0	0	-4	26	40	32	32	9	12:04
	21	GBRArchie Hazeldine	D	25	1	5	6	11	0	0	-2	23	39	0	0	4	12:42
	3	USAMike Kennedy	D	24	0	3	3	34	0	0	2	43	68	0	0	25	19:11
	24	GBRZaine McKenzie	FW	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	7	10	0	0	3	04:56
	8	GBRBrynley Capps	FW	18	0	1	1	4	0	0	-1	10	18	1	1	1	05:22
	14	GBRBilly Thorpe	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	04:15
	23	CANZach Vinnell	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	17:25

			Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
	40	GBRWill Bray	3	0	0	0	3	0	12	0	100	0
	20	CANMat Robson	25	13	12	1	881	75	1487	3.03	91.49	0

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## ON THEIR ROSTER

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

In this edition we feature defenceman Terrance Amorosa

Terrance Amorosa was born on November 13, 1994, in Kirkland, Quebec. The blueliner played United States High School Preparatory hockey as a 17/18 year old at Holderness School. The Holderness School is a private, coeducational college-preparatory school in Holderness near Plymouth, New Hampshire. He played 56 games scoring 15 goals and recording 22 assists and at the end of his second year he was drafted by the Philadelphia Flyers in the 5th round of the 2013 NHL Draft. Allie Skelley, Terrance's coach was excited by the news: "I think I speak for the whole Holderness community when I say that we are excited and very proud of Terrance. Obviously he is an outstanding hockey player but we also know that he is an even better person. Terrance has been a huge part of the Holderness hockey program's recent success. He has tremendous skill that I have no doubt will translate to the next level. I look forward to watching him to continue to grow as a player and a person at the next level."



With the hopes of fulfilling his dream of playing in the NHL he would first play a season in the USHL for the Sioux City Musketeers.

The smooth-skating defenseman showed little in the USHL over the course of the 2013-14 season to impress Flyers prospect watchers, compiling just 14 points in 50 games. Had a defenseman prospect posted such numbers in his draft year, it would be far from certain he'd be selected. Initially slated to attend the University of New Hampshire, and then Providence College, Amorosa instead chose Clarkson University in upstate New York, just 90 miles southwest of his hometown of Kirkland. His first season in the NCAA was underwhelming, to say the least, and must have frustrated him to no end. He was often a healthy scratch for the Golden Knights, not ideal considering that of the handful of drafted players at Clarkson, Amorosa had been picked the earliest in his draft year.



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This was how Terrance described his game at that time. "I am a poised puck handler, and a very consistent passer with a good stick while defending. I like to control the puck, and the pace of the game. They can expect a two-way defenseman who is quick on the transition, and sees the game well. I like to slow down and disrupt the opposing's transition game, then quickly turn it and initiate my team's fast pace." Heading into his sophomore hockey season at Clarkson, Amorosa wanted to improve from the year before. He trained and worked hard that off-season to try to build up his muscle. According to Amorosa, if it wasn't for his dad pushing him for a breakout season, it may not have happened. "The one who has had the biggest influence on me is my Father. He was a huge fan of Bobby Orr growing up and made me understand the importance of being a defenseman. He has been supporting me my entire hockey career, trying his best to find time in his busy work schedule to come watch my games, even if it takes a seven hour drive."



That being said, it is not uncommon for even talented players to need time to adapt in their freshman year of college hockey, and over the next two seasons the rangy defenseman went about improving his game to the point that he more than held his own at the college level. In 2015-16, while he missed time with injuries, when he did play he led all Clarkson defensemen in points per game and also captured the team lead in plus-minus. Furthermore, his 0.59 PPG mark was fifth best in the ECAC. Yet despite an objectively good year, Amorosa was barely a blip on the prospect radar for Flyers followers, eclipsed by a whole host of prospects excelling around the world over the season.

His determination and grit for the love of hockey supersedes all. However, if his family didn't push him into the sport of hockey, Amorosa might have ended up playing another sport instead. "In Montreal, it seems like everybody plays and gives hockey a try. My parents, who are big believers in playing sports, got me playing in several growing up such as basketball, soccer, lacrosse, swimming, golf, and hockey. From a young age, I always felt hockey was the only sport I was truly passionate about, and the only sport I'd get excited for practices. My family noticed that right away and immediately supported me." Any chance to establish his name was further curtailed by offseason surgery in 2016, which led to him missing prospect camp. The start of the 2016-17 season was also disrupted for Amorosa, who missed the first several games recovering from his summer surgery, but upon his return he once again had a big role to play on the back-end for Clarkson. His point-per-game rate was marginally reduced from the previous season, but he again led the team in plus-minus as he helped the Golden Knights to a winning record and a home-ice berth in the playoffs.

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This was the first time since Clarkson won 20-plus games in both 2006-07 and 2007-08 that the team had gone over .500 two seasons in a row, and the Flyers' young defensive charge played a significant part in that success. It wasn't quite harking back to the glory days of the 1990s in Potsdam, New York, but it was welcome improvement for a Clarkson program mired in mediocrity since future Florida Panthers assistant coach Mark Morris was fired in 2002. Yet still, Amorosa barely registered on Flyers prospect rankings that summer. However, just a few months into his senior year at Clarkson, he appeared to be doing everything in his power to make an impression. While he was physically immature when drafted at age 18, he had now filled out to 6-foot-2 and more than 200 pounds, and had expanded his role to play in every situation for the Golden Knights. But what will make fans sit up and finally take notice is the offensive production. Just 14 games into the season, the lefty defenseman had posted four goals and 13 points. Those marks put him third in goals and second in points for Clarkson. Even more impressive, those 13 points were the second most of any NCAA defenseman, and the most of any blueliner in the ECAC. In fact, only two forwards in the ECAC had amassed more points than Amorosa so far that season.

A review of the Flyers prospect concluded.

Points are all well and good, but mean little if a player does not have the requisite skill set to potentially play at a higher level. With Amorosa, that should not be a problem, at least in regards to the AHL. He has always skated well, is no slouch in his own end and now possesses a frame that can certainly handle the rigors of pro hockey. The only potential warning sign in terms of him excelling at a higher level is that while he is well-rounded, the majority of his points at the NCAA level come on the power play, and he may not be afforded those opportunities at higher levels of hockey. It's likely that the Flyers will offer him an entry-level-contract at the end of the season, especially given that the Phantoms' depth on the back-end may get a lot thinner with the expected promotion of Morin before season's end, and Myers likely pushing for an NHL spot to start 2018-19. However, it is not set in stone that any such offer would be accepted. The Clarkson senior has the option of simply letting his rights with the Flyers expire, then becoming a free agent — a scenario in which he could potentially find an NHL franchise with fewer bodies in front of him. Before this season, this option seemed riddled with problems for Amorosa, the main one being how many other teams would have interest, but if he keeps producing at a high level there will certainly be NHL teams interested in his services. Terrance Amorosa will almost certainly never be a world-beater. If he does carve out an NHL career in the future, in all likelihood it will be in a depth role. However, a team can never truly have too many prospects, and there are many roads to the NHL. The Clarkson blueliner may simply have been taking the slow road since the 2013 draft, but neither he nor Flyers fans will care too much if he makes it in the end.

As with countless others before him the dream to play in the NHL didn't come to fruition and Terrance started his professional hockey career by signing a one year contract with the AHL San Diego Gulls for the 2018/19 season but without playing a game he was assigned to the Tulsa Oilers in the ECHL. He had his debut on 13th October on home ice against Idaho and scored his first point the following night against the Steelheads. His first pro goal came against Rapid City Rush on November 2nd which would be his only goal on a season where he played 12 games and returned 6 points. The following season he logged 6+12 in 48 games for the Kansas City Mavericks. During the pandemic years he would play for Laval Rocket in the AHL as well as the ECHL with the Allen Americans and Trois-Rivières Lions.

For the last two seasons before joining the Blaze Terrance has played in Europe having joined the Alps Hockey League in 2022/23 with Gherdëina where he was second in team scoring with 5+31. He has also played HC Bolzano and Ritten/Renon who he helped win the Alps Hockey League Championship last season. Amorosa had 43 points (10 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 World Championship Division 1A campaign.













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2009-10	Lac St-Louis Royals Espoir	QMEAA	23	1	5	6	-	-							
2010-11	West Island Royals M18 AA	QMAA	31	5	15	20	6	-							
2011-12	Holderness School	USHS-Prep	29	6	9	15	-	-							
2012-13	Holderness School	USHS-Prep	27	9	13	22	-	-							
2013-14	Sioux City Musketeers	USHL	50	2	13	15	10	26	Playoffs	6	0	0	0	2	1
2014-15	Clarkson Univ.	NCAA	18	1	4	5	10	2							
2015-16	Clarkson Univ.	NCAA	27	4	12	16	14	9							
2016-17	Clarkson Univ.	NCAA	30	3	13	16	24	12							
2017-18	Clarkson Univ.	NCAA	40	7	20	27	30	22							
2018-19	Tulsa Oilers	ECHL	12	1	5	6	6	0							
2019-20	Kansas City Mavericks	ECHL	48	6	12	18	18	-14							
2020-21	Laval Rocket	AHL	5	1	0	1	2	2							
	Allen Americans	ECHL	9	1	6	7	4	4	Playoffs	7	0	4	4	0	2
2021-22	Laval Rocket	AHL	35	1	12	13	10	22							
	Trois-Rivières Lions	ECHL	4	0	2	2	0	1							
2022-23	Gherdëina	AlpsHL	24	5	31	36	12	20							
	HC Bolzano	ICEHL	9	0	3	3	4	7	Playoffs	1	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	Ritten/Renon	AlpsHL	37	9	28	37	21	32	Playoffs	15	2	10	12	8	11
	Ritten/Renon	Italy	6	1	5	6	4	4							
	Italy	WC D1A	5	0	0	0	2	-4							
	Italy (all)	International	12	0	2	2	4	-							

# LEAGUE STATS

## SEASON 2024/25

										
<b>Total Games Played</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>
Challenge Cup Games	12	10	10	12	12	12	10	10	10	10
League Games	24	26	25	27	24	24	26	23	23	24
Biggest Win	7-0 v Flyers	6-0 v Storm	9-2 v Flyers	7-0 v Flyers	4-1 v Stars	8-3 v Flyers	6-0 v Blaze	7-3 v Clan	9-2 v Blaze	9-0 v Flames
Biggest Loss	1-5 v Panthers v Clan	2-5 v Blaze	2-9 v Panthers	1-7 v Giants v Blaze	2-9 v Blaze	0-6 v Blaze	0-9 v Steelers	0-6 v Devils	2-5 v Stars	1-5 v Devils
Longest Win Streak	7	4	6	2	1	6	3	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	2	2	4	8	12	4	4	6	3	4
Current Streak	3 Wins	1 Loss	3 Losses	2 Losses	9 Losses	2 Wins	1 Win	3 Losses	2 Wins	3 Wins
Fastest Goal	00:58	00:50	00:18	01:08	01:32	00:08	00:21	00:29	00:56	00:14
Shut Out For	6	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	3	1
Shut Out Against	0	0	3	2	5	2	2	2	0	1
Empty Net Goals For	5	5	5	3	1	6	4	4	4	8
Empty Net Goals Against	4	4	2	6	7	10	3	4	3	2
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
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	<b>121</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>105</b>
Powerplay	29	22	32	20	18	18	18	23	26	17
Even Strength	88	101	66	73	53	71	64	65	83	84
Shorthanded	4	2	5	2	0	7	3	2	2	4
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>
Powerplay	2	1	1	5	4	4	5	4	0	6
Even Strength	20	10	10	11	5	10	12	9	4	16
Shorthanded	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	<b>69</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>
Penalty Kill	19	18	24	21	27	28	23	30	14	16
Even Strength	48	65	66	104	127	70	73	84	56	68
Shorthanded	2	1	4	6	2	3	3	5	5	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Penalty Kill	3	2	4	2	5	3	5	3	3	2
Even Strength	9	4	12	17	15	9	9	14	8	8
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	45	34	25	39	27	29	25	35	41	36
Goals Scored Period 2	45	55	40	34	27	35	36	38	35	41
Goals Scored Period 3	49	48	50	36	25	48	41	26	36	50
Goals Scored OT/SO	4	0	3	3	1	1	2	3	5	3
<b>TOTAL Goals Scored</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Goals Scored Per Game</b>	<b>3.97</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>2.87</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>3.09</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>3.82</b>
Goals Conceded Period 1	25	30	41	46	53	26	36	38	16	34
Goals Conceded Period 2	25	25	31	52	60	36	42	56	36	31
Goals Conceded Period 3	27	33	37	50	64	53	37	44	33	28
Goals Conceded OT/SO	3	3	4	3	3	1	2	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL Goals Conceded</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Goals Against Per Game</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>4.24</b>	<b>2.64</b>	<b>2.79</b>
Shots For P1	509	441	364	401	361	420	372	354	358	377
Shots For P2	484	451	402	446	333	426	385	327	350	403
Shots For P3	402	404	379	418	292	338	314	353	318	380
Shots For OT	10	3	17	12	6	0	15	8	15	11
<b>TOTAL Shots For</b>	<b>1405</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1184</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1171</b>
<b>Shots for Per Game</b>	<b>39.03</b>	<b>36.08</b>	<b>33.20</b>	<b>32.74</b>	<b>27.56</b>	<b>32.89</b>	<b>30.17</b>	<b>31.58</b>	<b>31.55</b>	<b>34.44</b>
Shots Against P1	282	374	457	469	508	356	380	394	349	389
Shots Against P2	344	385	400	474	539	379	397	411	367	314
Shots Against P3	352	363	369	397	475	351	372	361	364	293
Shots Against OT	11	10	13	15	12	3	5	7	14	12
<b>TOTAL Shots Against</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1132</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>1355</b>	<b>1534</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1008</b>
<b>Shots Against Per Game</b>	<b>27.47</b>	<b>31.44</b>	<b>35.40</b>	<b>34.74</b>	<b>42.61</b>	<b>30.25</b>	<b>32.06</b>	<b>35.55</b>	<b>33.15</b>	<b>29.65</b>

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## WE DON'T PLAY YOU ANYMORE: HULL STINGRAYS

Hull Stingrays were one of the many incarnations of pro hockey on Humberside, emerging from the ashes of the Hull Thunder in 2003 and joining the British National League alongside Flyers. Amongst the BNL competitions in 2003/04 was the Findus Cup, an early season competition along the lines of the old Autumn Cups or the current EIHL Challenge Cup. Flyers had won the Findus Cup in 2001/02 and looked for a repeat showing in 03/04.

All seven BNL teams were in the Qualifying Group, playing each other once home and once away. Flyers' pre-season preparations resulted in two wins against a Dundee/Edinburgh select, winning 2-0 at home on Saturday 30/08/03 and 10-6 the following evening at Dundee with debuts in Flyers' colours for defencemen Greg Kuznik and Ian Fletcher in the home game.

The following weekend, Flyers opened their Findus Cup campaign with their first ever game against Hull Stingrays and it turned out to be a low scoring affair. A debut for former NHLer Dan Goneau failed to spark the interest of the home fans as a poor attendance of 1439 turned out to see Flyers start their season in earnest.



It didn't take Goneau long to make his mark, scoring after 10.15 assisted by Karry Biette and John Haig. Shortly afterwards Fletcher made it 2-0, Biette assisting again, as did Goneau, as Flyers took control of the first period. Hull gave Flyers three powerplay opportunities, but the score remained the same after 20 minutes. Flyers' domination was reflected in the SOG figures, the home side outshooting Stingrays 15-4. The second period was much of the same, with Flyers scoring a further four powerplay chances and couldn't take advantage of Hull's indiscipline. Flyers had goalie Steve Briere to thank for keeping Hull off the scoresheet with a fine double save and the second period finished 2-0. Hull finally made the breakthrough just over 90 seconds into the third and about seven minutes later, Flyers regained the two goal advantage with Goneau's second goal of the evening, Biette getting his third assist and Todd Dutiaume also getting a helper. Hull struck again at 51.44 and despite a late Goneau penalty, Flyers held on for a decent win, outshooting Stingrays 34-24. Flyers lost the return game at Hull 3-5 but qualified for the semi-finals, losing to Newcastle Vipers in a shootout. Flyers dominated Stingrays in league play, winning all six games as Flyers topped the table with 52 points, 37 more than last place Hull.

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The following season was the final season of the BNL with Flyers finishing sixth, two places behind Stingrays who won only one league game between the clubs. The play-offs saw the clubs win their away games against each other, Flyers winning in Hull and Stingrays prevailing at Kirkcaldy. Flyers were beaten play-off semi-finalists and also won both Winter Cup ties against Hull winning 3-2 at home and 5-2 at Hull. After the BNL collapsed the clubs played in different leagues and would not meet again until 2011/12 when Flyers joined the Elite Ice Hockey League where Hull had played since 2006/07.

Flyers first season in the Elite League was a poor one and will be covered in another article, winning only eight games from 54 starts in the league and two wins from eight Challenge Cup games. Flyers lost all three games v Stingrays at Hull, but won two of the three games against Hull at Kirkcaldy including their first league win of the season on 15/11/11, a 5-4 shootout win, with Mike Hamilton netting the winning penalty shot. 2012/13 was a season of home dominance in the games between the clubs, Flyers winning all four games v Stingrays at Kirkcaldy and Stingrays repeating the feat in the games at Hull. 2013/14 saw the teams finish a point apart in the league table, Flyers gaining 53 points to Stingrays' 52, both well behind Belfast's league winning tally of 89. 2013/14 saw each club win three at home and one away against each other.



Stingrays' last season in the Elite League was 2014/15 and that year had future Flyers goalie Dave Brown in nets. Hull's owner was short time former Flyers defenceman Bobby McEwan. Once again league results between the clubs were fairly even with Stingrays winning the three of the first seven meetings between the teams and Flyers winning four, including an impressive 8-3 home win and a fine 5-0 victory on 21/02/15, one of Kevin Regan's four league shut-outs.

The last game between the clubs was on 07/03/15 at Kirkcaldy with Flyers having only won one of the three games played since their shut-out of the Hull side. At face-off time, Flyers were three points ahead of Stingrays, but the away side had four games in hand over Flyers as the teams battled for a play-off place. A decent Saturday night crowd of around 2000 witnessed what can only be described a disappointing Flyers performance against a short benched Stingrays team. The goal-less first period said it all with Flyers only managing three shots on target in the opening period.

Stingrays took the initiative in the second period with a short-handed goal and it would be a further 13 minutes before a Bobby Chaumont pass was tipped past David Brown for the equaliser. The third period was another poor 20 minutes for Flyers with Hull re-taking the lead just over seven minutes in, and sealed the win with a late empty net goal.

Stingrays finished their last Elite League season one place above Flyers and two points better off than Flyers' 47 point tally. Stingrays are no longer in existence, folding at the end of 2014/15. Stingrays were replaced by the Hull Pirates who competed in the English Premier League in 2015/16 and the current senior team in Hull are Hull Seahawks, who played the 2022/23 season in the NIHL.

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# RULES CORNER



Part 3 of our look at the sections of the rulebook dealing with Stick Infractions and Other Infractions covered by rules 58 to 75. We conclude with rules 71 to 75.

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

## **RULE 71 PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION**

### **71.1 PREMATURE SUBSTITUTION**

When a Goalkeeper leaves their goal area and proceeds to their Players' Bench for the purpose of substituting another Player, the Skater cannot enter the playing surface before the Goalkeeper is within 1.50 m of their Players' Bench. If the substitution is made prematurely, the Official shall stop play immediately unless the non-offending Team has "possession of the puck" – in which event the stoppage will be delayed until the puck "changes possession". There shall be no time penalty to the Team making the premature substitution, but the resulting "face-off" will take place at the Center ice Face-off Spot when play is stopped beyond the Center red line. When play is stopped prior to the Center red line, the resulting "face-off" shall be conducted at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where the play was stopped. In all other situations not covered in the above, a Minor Penalty may result for "too many Players on the ice" Rule 74 – Too Many Players on the Ice.

### **71.2 ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Referee shall request that the Public Address Announcer make the following announcement: "Play has been stopped due to premature substitution for the Goalkeeper."

## **RULE 72 REFUSING TO PLAY THE PUCK**

### **72.1 REFUSING OR ABSTAINING FROM PLAYING THE PUCK**

The purpose of this section is to enforce continuous action and both Referees and Linespersons should interpret and apply the rule to produce this result.

### **72.2 HAND PASS**

When a "hand pass" has been initiated by one Player to a Teammate and the Teammate elects not to play the puck to avoid the stoppage of play, and the opposing Team also abstains from playing the puck (perhaps to allow time to expire on a penalty), the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at the nearest "face-off" location to where the play was stopped for this violation.

### **72.3 HIGH STICK**

When a Player contacts the puck with their stick above the "normal height of the shoulders" and a Teammate elects not to play the puck to avoid the stoppage of play, and the opposing Team also abstains from playing the puck (perhaps to allow time to expire on a penalty), the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at the Face-off Spot in the zone to nearest to where the play was stopped for this violation. Rule 76.2 – Face-off Locations.

### **72.4 ICING**

If, in the opinion of the Referee, the defending side "intentionally" abstains from pursuing the puck beyond the Face-off Spots on an icing promptly when they are in a position to do so, they shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" on the adjacent corner Face-off Spot nearest the goal of the Team at fault.

### **72.5 PENALTY**

When the Referee signals the delayed calling of a penalty to one Team and a Player of that Team intentionally abstains from playing the puck in order to allow additional time to expire on the game or penalty time clocks, the Referee shall stop the play and order the resulting "face-off" at one of the Face-off Spots in the offending Team's Defending Zone. Rule 76.2 – Face-off Locations.



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## RULE 73 REFUSING TO START PLAY

### 73.1 REFUSING TO START PLAY

This rule applies to Teams who refuse to play while both Teams are on the ice or who withdraws from the ice and refuses to play or who refuses to come onto the ice at the start of the game or at the beginning of any period of the game, when ordered to do so by the Officials.

### 73.2 PROCEDURE – TEAM ON ICE

If, when both Teams are on the ice, one Team for any reason shall refuse to play when ordered to do so by the Referee, they shall warn the Captain and allow the Team so refusing fifteen (15) seconds within which to begin the play or resume play. If at the end of that time, the Team shall still refuse to play, the Referee shall impose a Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” on a Player of the offending Team to be designated by the Coach of that Team through the playing Captain. Should there be a repetition of the same incident, the offending Coach shall be removed from the Players’ Bench and assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty by the Referee and a Bench Minor Penalty shall be assessed to the offending Team for “Delay of Game”. Should the offending Team still refuse to play, the Referee shall have no alternative but to declare that the game be forfeited to the non-offending Team and the case shall be reported to the Proper Authorities for further action. Rule 66 – Forfeit of Game.

First Violation:

- (I) Warn the Captain of the offending Team and allow 15 seconds within which to resume play.
- (II) If at the end of the 15 seconds the Team still refuses to resume play, assess a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending Team for “Delay of Game”.

Second Violation:

- (I) Warn the Captain of the offending Team and allow 15 seconds within which to resume play.
- (II) If at the end of the 15 seconds the Team still refuses to resume play, assess a Bench Minor Penalty to the offending Team for “Delay of Game”.
- (III) Referee is to notify the Coach of the offending Team that they have been assessed a Game Misconduct Penalty.
- (IV) If the Team still refuses to play, the Referee shall declare the game be forfeited to the non-offending Team. Rule 66 – Forfeit of Game.

Note: From the time a team enters the ice or player’s benches before a period is started until the period is over, this rule applies. Even if all player in a team leaves the ice surface for the player’s benches, the team is considered to be on the ice.

### 73.3 PROCEDURE – TEAM OFF ICE

If a Team, when ordered to do so by the Referee through its Coach, fails to go on the ice and start play within five (5) minutes, the game shall be forfeited, and the case shall be reported to the Proper Authorities for further action. Rule 66 – Forfeit of Game.

- (I) Once it is apparent to the Referee that the Team is refusing to come onto the ice and begin play, a Bench Minor Penalty is to be assessed to the offending Team for “Delay of Game”.
- (II) Five (5) minutes will be provided for the offending Team to return to the ice and begin play.
- (III) After the five (5) minutes has elapsed and the offending Team still has not returned to the ice to resume play, the game shall be forfeited.
- (IV) Once the Coach has been notified of the five (5) minute warning, and the Team returns to the ice to resume play within that time frame, a Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” must be assessed to the offending Team as stated in (I) above.

Supplementary Discipline will be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion. Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline.

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## RULE 74 TOO MANY PLAYERS ON THE ICE

### 74.1 TOO MANY PLAYERS ON THE ICE

Players may be changed at any time during the play from the Players' Bench provided that the Player or Players leaving the ice shall be within 1.50 m of their Players' Bench and out of the play before the change is made – refer also to Rule 71 – Premature Substitution. At the discretion of the On-ice Officials, should a substituting Player come onto the ice before their Teammate is within the 1.50m limit of the Players' Bench (and therefore clearly causing their Team to have “too many Players” on the ice), then a Bench Minor Penalty may be assessed. When a Player is retiring from the ice surface and is within the 1.50 m limit of their Players' Bench, and their substitute is on the ice, then the retiring Player shall be considered off the ice for the purpose of Rule 70 – Leaving Players Bench or Penalty Box. If in the course of making a substitution, either the Player entering the game or the Player retiring from the ice surface plays the puck with their stick, skates or hands or who checks or makes any physical contact with an opposing Player while either the Player entering the game or the retiring Player is actually on the ice, then the infraction of “too many Players on the ice” will be called. If in the course of a substitution either the Player(s) entering the play or the Player(s) retiring is struck by the puck accidentally, the play will not be stopped, and no penalty will be called. During the play, the Player retiring from the ice must do so at the Players' Bench and not through any other exit leading from the Rink. This is not a legal Player change and therefore when a violation occurs, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed. A Player coming onto the ice as a substitute Player is considered on the ice once both of their skates are on the ice. If they play the puck or interfere with an opponent while still on the Players' Bench, they shall be penalized under Rule 56 – Interference. A retiring Player (coming off the ice) who has one skate on the ice and one skate off the ice in the Players' Bench is considered as “off the ice”.

### 74.2 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty for “too many Players on the ice” shall be assessed for a violation of this rule. This penalty can be assessed by the Referees or the Linespersons. Should a goal be scored by the offending Team prior to the Referee or Linesperson blowing their whistle to assess the Bench Minor Penalty, the goal shall be disallowed, and the penalty assessed for “too many Players on the ice”.

### 74.3 PENALTY BOX

A Player serving a penalty in the Penalty Box, who is to be changed after the penalty has been served, must proceed at once by way of the ice and be within 1.50m of their own Players' Bench before any change can be made. For any violation of this rule, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed for “too many Players on the ice”.

### 74.4 DELIBERATE ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTION

If by reason of insufficient playing time remaining, or by reason of penalties already imposed, a Bench Minor Penalty is imposed for deliberate illegal substitution” (“too many Players on the ice”) which cannot be served in its entirety within the legal playing time, or at any time in Overtime, a “Penalty Shot” shall be awarded against the offending Team.

### 74.5 GOALKEEPER IN OVERTIME

Once the Goalkeeper has been removed for an extra Attacker in Overtime during the game, they must wait for the next stoppage of play before returning to their position. Any attempt by the Goalkeeper to return to his position prior to the next stoppage of play (“on the fly”) shall be deemed to be an “illegal substitution” and a Bench Minor penalty shall be assessed for having an ineligible Player would apply.

## RULE 75 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

### 75.1 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Players, Coaches and team personnel are responsible for their conduct at all times and must endeavor to prevent disorderly conduct before, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any place in the Rink. The Referees may assess penalties to any of the above Team Personnel for failure to do so. When such conduct is directed at an official Rule 39 – Abuse of Officials shall be applied.



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## 75.2 MINOR PENALTY

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

- (I) Any identifiable Player who uses obscene, profane or abusive language or gestures directed at any person. An additional Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks – refer to Rule 75.5 – Game Misconduct Penalty.
- (II) Any Player who is guilty of “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” including, but not limited to hair-pulling, grabbing hold of a face mask, banging with a stick or another object at the Boards or glass, etc. during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play. Note: “If the Referee classifies physical offences committed to be serious and severe, based on the degree of force, the Referee may apply: Rule 21 – Dangerous Actions.
- (III) Any Player who throws any object onto the ice from the Players’ or Penalty Box (or from any other off-ice location);
- (IV) A Player who deliberately removes their jersey or their helmet prior to participating in an altercation or who is clearly wearing a jersey that has been modified and does not conform to Rule 9 – Uniforms, shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and a Game Misconduct. If the altercation never materializes, the Player shall receive a Minor Penalty for “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” and a ten-minute (10) Misconduct Penalty for deliberately removing their jersey. If a penalized Player is assessed an additional “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” penalty either before or after they begin serving their original penalties, the additional Minor Penalty is added to their unexpired time and served consecutively.

## 75.3 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

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

- (I) When any unidentifiable player, Coach or team personnel throws any object onto the ice from the Players’ or Penalty Box (or from any other off-ice location) or is banging with a stick or another object at the Boards or glass, etc. during the progress of the game or during a stoppage of play.
- (II) Any unidentifiable Player or any Coach or team personnel uses obscene, profane, or abusive language or gesture directed towards any person or is banging with a stick or another object at the Boards or glass, etc.
- (III) Whenever Coaches and/or non-playing Club personnel uses obscene or profane language or gestures anywhere in the Rink. An additional Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks – refer to Rule 75.5 – Game Misconduct Penalty.

## 75.4 MISCONDUCT PENALTY

Misconduct penalties shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) Any Player who persists in using obscene, profane, or abusive language directed towards any person after being assessed a minor or Bench Minor Penalty under this rule. An additional Game Misconduct Penalty for use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks – refer to Rule 75.5 – Game Misconduct Penalty.
- (II) Any Player who deliberately throws any equipment out of the playing area. At the discretion of a Game Official, a Game Misconduct Penalty may be imposed.
- (III) Any Player who persists in any course of conduct (including threatening or abusive language or gestures or similar actions) designed to incite an opponent into incurring a penalty.
- (IV) When a penalized Player challenges or disputes the ruling of an Official after they have already entered the Penalty Box and play has resumed.
- (V) In general, participants displaying this type of behaviour are assessed a Minor Penalty, then a Misconduct Penalty and then a Game Misconduct Penalty if they persist.





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## 75.5 GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTY

Game Misconduct penalties shall be assessed under this rule for the following infractions:

- (I) If a Player persists in any course of conduct for which they were previously assessed a Misconduct Penalty.
- (II) Any Player, Coach or team personnel who uses obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks, during or after the game, on or off the ice and any location while in the arena and its connected premises. The Referee shall report the circumstances to the Proper Authorities for further disciplinary action.
- (III) Coaches and team personnel who have previously been assessed a Bench Minor Penalty for the use obscene or profane language or gestures anywhere in the Rink. The Referee shall report the circumstances to the Proper Authorities for further disciplinary action.
- (IV) Any Player, Coach, or other team personnel whose actions, toward a Coach or other non-playing Team Personnel, could in any way cause injury. The Referee shall report the circumstances to the Proper Authorities for further disciplinary action.
- (V) Any Player, Coach, or non-playing Club personnel who directs obscene, profane, or abusive language or gestures to any person after the expiration of the game. This action may occur on or off the ice.
- (VI) Any Player, Coach, or team personnel who spits on or at an opponent or anyone in the Rink during a game.
- (VII) A bleeding Player who intentionally smears blood from their body onto an opponent or anyone anywhere in the Rink.

## 75.6 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

It is the responsibility of all Game Officials to send a report to the Proper Authorities setting out the full details concerning the use of obscene gestures, racial slurs or taunts or sexual remarks or language by any Player, Coach, team personnel or other Team official. 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**

A very happy hockey New Year to you all as we welcome in 2025 with a visit from Coventry Blaze. Blaze being one of the teams involved in the most talked about incident during the festive period with a good old stramash to end the game down in Cardiff.

With the final whistle echoing round the Welsh rink there was minimal contact with Devils keeper Mac Carruth's stick as Blaze chased down the puck to try and get a final opportunity to tie the game. That drew a crowd and rather than just celebrate the win Riley Brandt went at it like an intoxicated angry chipmunk and rained blows on the knees of anyone within striking distance. When it looked like tiny tears was about to calm down Gleason Fournier decided to rough up the player he was cuddled up with. The Blaze player was just keen to get showered and back home and had no intention of fighting but that didn't stop Fournier from dropping the gloves and catching the player with an uppercut to the hooter. Outcome – two match suspension for Fournier at a time when his team are down to “just” three lines..... luxury.

That cued up nicely what is now unofficially called the Foss Rule with everyone except the Devils organisation themselves asking for the suspension to be suspended. Pointing out that Devils could still muster three lines of hockey made up of imports and GB level talent didn't seem to wash with the Devils fans, and many other uninvolved parties, as it is just a great opportunity to knock the establishment.

Flyers rode out 2024, or were ridden out of 2024 by Dundee and Glasgow as four hard games were played over the festive period. Flyers came close to causing an upset as they fought out a one goal loss at home to Dundee, sadly that was as close as the scorelines would get as Flyers suffered blow after blow.

Confidence will most likely be through the floor, somewhere under the basement or possibly being superheated by earths magma core after gaining nothing from those matches and whilst there was really no great expectation of points there were points where Flyers let themselves down, and they know they did.

We shouldn't be hard on the guys as I appreciate they will most likely be giving themselves the hardest time of all. Booing Shane Owen off the ice at home against Clan was short-sightedness in the extreme. Whilst nobody wants to see a keeper take himself out the match it was erroneous of the bench to keep Shane in for so long. Shane's actions gave the team a boot up the bum to come out of the coasting mode they slipped into as the game got further away and they produced some good hockey after that.

Rounding off the year through in Glasgow was always going to be a tall order but it took until the final two minutes of the game for Clan to flatter the final scoreline. That just underlines that adding in some fresh blood and getting Phelix Martineau back in the line up will see a more competitive Flyers as long as the players stay engaged. With additional bodies hoovering up ice time it will be easier for the guys to stay engaged and resist coasting, at the moment coasting becomes a necessary evil as players try to preserve themselves to be able to see out a game and be available for selection for the next one.

Kudos to Ben Brown, Aiden Wilson and Brodie Kay for making good use of their ice time during this challenging period and kudos also to Lucas Chiodo for his commitment to paying \$10 per goal and assist he gathers between now and the end of the season to cancer research in memory of his Granddad. Dare I suggest that as many people as possible get on board with that and even if we can donate a pound a point we can support Lucas and help him make a difference.

And finally, to you, the fans, no not those that are booing (fine yourself a fiver in support of Lucas per boo ya bandits), thank you for sticking by the team, as Johnny said it isn't going be a quick fix, there are some mountains to climb but keep getting behind the team and let the guys know we care.

Have yourselves a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025,

Darrian



# Matchnight PRESENTATIONS

DUNDEE STARS DECEMBER 26TH 2024



STARS MOM  
JARRETT FISKE



FLYERS MOM  
LUCAS CHIDO



50/50 WINNER



SHIRT OFF  
BACK WINNER



# Matchnight PRESENTATIONS

GLASGOW CLAN DECEMBER 30TH 2024



CLAN MOM  
RYLAN SCHWARTZ



FLYERS MOM  
KIERAN CRAIG



SHIRT OFF  
BACK WINNER





## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Flyers come face to face with Cleveland Bombers for the second time in eight days at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink tomorrow night. And a repeat of Saturday's resounding 8-2 victory over the English side would suit player-coach Ron Plumb. Plumb agrees with the view that Flyers are currently playing their best hockey of the season and of particular satisfaction has been their defensive play with very few goals conceded recently — prior to - Wednesday night. "We have been concentrating on the defensive aspects of our game to make it very difficult for other teams to score against us," he explained. this week. "There will be goals scored against us, but we have been trying to, and eliminate the loss of bad goals and make sure that the opposition earn any that they get. "To assess a team's overall performance you have to look at both ends of the rink," Plumb went on.

"Earlier in the season, our offensive power seemed to overwhelm a lot of teams and perhaps tended to disguise some lackadaisical play in our own end. "Recently, however, we have been playing a more solid game overall with good offence and defence. "We are also in the fortunate position of having two excellent goaltenders in Andrew Donald and Craig Dickson who have been playing alternate matches," For tomorrow's match Flyers have an injury doubt over Stuart Drummond with achilles tendon trouble, but Jimmy Pennycook is available.

Meanwhile, there will be a meeting of the KIHFC supporters club on Friday January 25 at 7.30 pm Fife Flyers hope to claim a world record tomorrow when a second attempt is made to measure the shooting speed of a puck at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink. Canadians Ron Plumb, Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown, along with Brian Peat and Neil Abel will be bidding for a place in the Guinness Book of Records under an experiment organised by the science department at Kirkcaldy College of Technology The first attempt in December was abandoned due to technical difficulties, but Flyers are confident there will be no hitches this time. The proceedings will get under way at 12.30 pm.

### **19/01/1985 Fife Flyers v Cleveland Bombers Premier League**

Cleveland Bombers proved awkward customers at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night — but Fife Flyers emerged with their unbeaten home record still intact. The English side did not endear themselves to the home fans with their intimidatory tactics, while the referees also incurred the wrath of the Flyers' supporters for a 10-minute penalty on Canadian sharp shooter Dave Stoyanovich. But despite trailing four times in the first period, Ron Plumb's men came powering back to leave Cleveland a well beaten side. Already without Stuart Drummond through injury, Flyers had to make a late change in goal when Andrew Donald was injured during the warm-up, with Craig Dickson taking over. And Bombers — beaten 8-2 by Flyers on their own ice the previous week — stunned the home crowd by taking the lead after only 40 seconds when Cadman knocked the puck into the from close range. Although Dave Stoyanovich quickly brought the Kirkcaldy side level, an unassisted power play goal by Jim Earle restored Cleveland's lead with Andy Linton in the penalty box. Flyers were soon back on level terms, however, when great work by Dougie Latto was carried on by Chic Cottrell and finished off by Gordon Latto. McDonough put Bombers back in front after 16 minutes, but within seconds, Stoyanovich blasted home the equaliser. Two minutes later, however, Stoyanovich was given a controversial' 10 minute penalty for 'butt ending', and with 29 seconds of the period remaining, Lapping beat Dickson at his near post to make it 4-3 for Cleveland. It took Flyers only two minutes of the second period to make matters all square when Jimmy Pennycook skated almost the full length of the ice before firing a great shot past Young. The Kirkcaldy side then went in front for the first time in the match when Danny Brown raced down the left and found the net from an acute angle, but their lead was short-lived as Cleveland hit back immediately through Barnard. A series of penalties collected by Bombers then swung the match in Flyers' favour with four consecutive power play goals by Danny Brown, Gordon Latto, Brian Peat and Andy Linton.



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Chic Cottrell extended Flyers' lead to 10-5 when he sneaked the puck home at the near post two minutes from the buzzer. Although Earle pulled one back for Bombers 20 seconds after the restart, another power play goal by Brown restored Flyers' five goal advantage. Dave Stoyanovich and Jim Earle then both spent four minutes in the cooler following a bout of fisticuffs, but on his return it was Stoyanovich who completed his hat-trick with a powerful shot which hit the netminder and crept over the line. Seconds later, Danny Brown completed the scoring with the best goal night — an incisive break down the right which left the Cleveland defence trailing in his wake followed by a clinical finish.



*A tangle of bodies in front of the Cleveland net, but Dave Stoyanovich (partially hidden) raises his arm to salute Flyers' opening goal on Saturday.*












# KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Over the festive period all of the various age groups have been enjoying a well deserved break with the action returning again this weekend.

At the turn of the year the Scottish National League Table was as follows:

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GOALS
 DUNDEE ROCKETS	13	11	1	1	23	78-27
 EDINBURGH CAPITALS	14	10	2	2	22	72-41
 ABERDEEN LYNX	14	10	3	1	21	64-33
 KIRKCALDY KESTRELS	13	7	5	1	15	60-35
 PAISLEY PIRATES	12	4	7	1	9	38-45
 NORTH AYRSHIRE WILD	11	2	9	0	4	17-80
 KILMARNOCK THUNDER	11	0	11	0	0	20-88

Not all of our players had their feet up over the festive period however as a host of Kirkcaldy skaters were involved in events in both Sheffield and Dumfries.

Scottish hockey teams hit the ice at the Christmas Showcase in Sheffield at U13, U14, U15 and U17 level for games against their English counterparts.

Closer to home Scottish Ice Hockey was proud to host a Winter Showcase, a thrilling two-day event showcasing the skills and essential game experience of junior players from across the country. Hosted at the Dumfries Ice Bowl on the 28th and 29th of December, the showcase delivered exciting matchups and a glimpse into the future of Scottish ice hockey.

The Winter Showcase featured Scotland's U11 and U12 teams competing against their English counterparts in a series of high-energy games. Adding to the excitement were the U10 Prospects who participated in a special X-Ice competition, designed to highlight the talent and enthusiasm of our youngest players.

Murray Johnston, Development Pathway Lead for Scottish Ice Hockey said, Scottish Ice Hockey was really excited about the Winter Showcase stating that the new format delivered intense, fast-paced, two-line hockey for all age groups and provided a real test for the kids.



# FIFE FLYERS GENERATION GAME



On Boxing Day 18 year old Joe Lynch made his debut for the Fife Flyers. Kirkcaldy born Joe came through the Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club junior development programme playing for the Fife Flames at U16 for a couple of seasons. After the pandemic he joined the Dundee Stars U16 for a season before heading to play in the Scottish National League for the Edinburgh Capitals in season 2022/23. A regular that season and last, where he finished 4th in points, he has played 70 games at SNL level and this season has also iced with the Solway Sharks in the NIHL1. In January 2025 he will make his International debut as he has been selected as one of five Scottish born players to play for the GB U20 team in Croatia at the World Junior Ice Hockey Championship Division IIA. He also joins the Flyers Brodie Kay.



As many will know Joe's father is Steven Lynch who has been the Head Coach of the Edinburgh Capitals since season 2022/23. Steven who was also Kirkcaldy born started his junior development with Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey club too and broke into the senior Flyers team in season 1991/92 as a 15 year old with the Flyers playing that season in British Division One. Steven made his Flyers debut in a shock home defeat by the Telford Tigers on February 8th and the following weekend he scored his first senior goal when he netted two, in a matter of 25 seconds, against the Basingstoke Beavers who were thrashed 17-4 in Kirkcaldy. With the Flyers having made a successful return to the British Premier League Jim Lynch took over as Head Coach. Steven, his stepson, played the next three seasons in Fife playing 95 regular season games recording 18+21 as well as 19 playoff games where he picked up 3+3. During this time he made his International debut for GB appearing at two U18 European Championships where he lead the team in points in season 1993/94. He followed stepfather Jim for a season with the Dumfries Border Vikings in British League One. He had 53 points in 49 regular season games and lead the team with 103 penalty minutes. During his season in Dumfries he stepped up to GB U20 for their World Junior Championship campaign. The newly formed Ayr Scottish Eagles was the next coaching stop for Jim and Steven followed making the step up to the Ice Hockey Super league as one of only two home born players on their roster. Although playing 49 games and scoring two points Steven moved on to the Paisley Pirates in the British National League for the next two seasons. The Pirates had a number of Kirkcaldy born and ex-Flyers players on their roster and the games against Fife were often raucous affairs. In 81 games Steven scored 107 points. For season 1999/00 Steven started an eight year association with the Edinburgh Capitals. He was their top scorer that season and by the 2001/02 season he wore the 'C' for the remainder of the time that they played in the British National League. In season 2005/06 the Capitals jumped ship to the Elite Hockey League and Steven spent two seasons with the Caps before returning to Kirkcaldy.

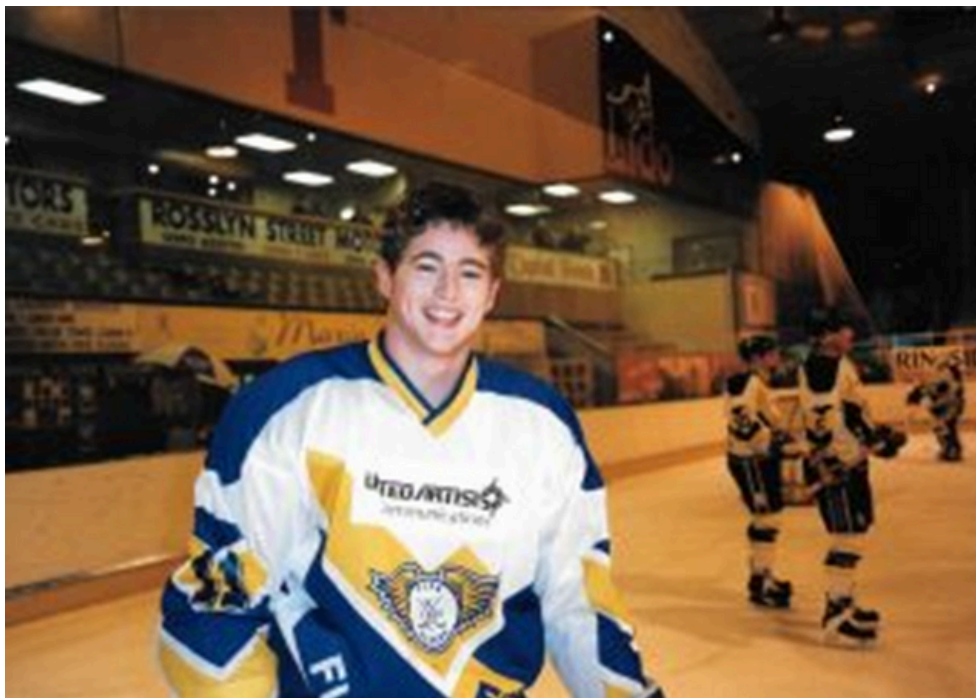




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He played a total of 329 BNL games scoring 127 goals and 184 assists for 311 points. The Flyers had dropped down into the Northern League following the demise of the BNL and the now 31 year old Steven scored a hat trick in his first game back in a Flyers jersey as the Flyers won 6-0 against the Solway Sharks in a Challenge game in Dumfries. His four seasons playing with the Flyers ended in season 2010/11 with the club joining the EIHL the following season and Steven moved to the bench to be assistant coach to Todd Dutiaume in that inaugural season. Steven continued to be involved with Junior development in Kirkcaldy as Joe started taking his initial steps in the game before taking up the head coaching role with the Capitals.



The first Lynch to play for the Flyers was of course Steven's aforementioned stepfather Jim. A successful player and coach, with awards from both ends of a career in Britain stretching over 20 years, Jim holds the unique achievement of coaching play-off Championship winners in the Heineken British League and the Sekonda Superleague, with the subsequent award of Coach of the Year on both occasions. Born in 1953 in Toronto, Jim came to Scotland to join the Flyers with two friends in September 1980, following a junior career as a winger with the local Markham Waxers and later in the Inter Collegiate League. On his Flyers debut he scored three times in a 14-3 Northern League win at Aviemore. By the end of his inaugural campaign he was named joint winner of the Northern League Overseas Rookie of the Year award and to the All-Star 'A' team. He scored 100 points in 30 games to lead the Flyers in scoring whilst also picking up 113 penalty minutes. Third highest scorer in the Scottish National League and Northern League the next winter earned Jim a second successive All-Star 'A' rating when he scored a more modest 60 points from 20 games played. Season 1982/83 saw the formation of a new British Ice Hockey League and Jim formed a formidable partnership with the Flyers American import Gordon MacDougall who top scored with 149 points from 20 games with Jim returning 48 points from 18 games. During the summer of 1983 he contacted Alex Dampier at Murrayfield and he stayed in the Scottish capital for three seasons, taking over from Dampier as player-coach two years later. In his first championship triumph, as a player-coach, he led Murrayfield Racers to victory in April 1986, having already lifted the Norwich Union Cup the previous autumn. In that Wembley final he scored the insurance goal, in the 4-2 win over Dundee, on an assist from Paul Heavey - the man who would later replace him as coach at Ayr, when in October 2000 ill health forced Jim to stand down from the job he loved. He also mentored a young Tony Hand as the pair topped the scoring charts for the Racers. At 33 years of age Jim returned to Kirkcaldy for a season with the Kestrels as player coach for their debut season in British League One campaign and he scored 101 points in 30 games.



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He was in a Flyers uniform again for the next two seasons following his reclassified as a non-import by the British Ice Hockey Association. Jim spent the next three season in England firstly with the ambitious Solihull Barons who made an approach for his services for the 1989/90 campaign. Appointed coach the next autumn, but always his own man, he quit before the season commenced due to management interference, to join Humberside where his on ice performances assisted Seahawks in gaining promotion to the Premier Division. He first came into contact with William J. Barr in January 1992, after a season and a half playing at Humberside, moving behind the bench to coach the Barr sponsored Ayr Raiders based at the Summit Centre in Glasgow. He then renewed his connection with the Flyers where he coached for the next three years, taking Flyers to runners-up spot in the British League's Premier Division in 1994. During that campaign Flyers history was made when Jim laced up again for three games to help in times of emergency including the first time he iced with stepson Steven as the Flyers flu stricken bench went down 8-1 in Sheffield on 7th November.

This is the only time, to date, in Flyers history where a father and son have appeared together in a competitive game for the club. That autumn he surprisingly moved, with his assistant, the late Milan Figala and Steven, a youngster with promise, to Dumfries. With the advent of the Superleague the following season he renewed his acquaintance with Barr, owner of the Ayr Scottish Eagles, the only new club to join the rookie league. Astute recruiting of a mixture of North American's and Europeans immediately paid off with an unbeaten run of 11 matches, although losing in final of the B & H Cup to Cardiff. A respectable third place in the ISL and a play-off semi-final gained Jim the Coach of the Year award. The next winter saw his greatest coaching triumph with the grand slam of B&H; Cup, The Express Cup, Superleague title and an overtime play-off final victory. A second successive Coach of the Year award acknowledged the skills of hockey's 'quiet man'. Eagles' success gained them entry to the European Hockey League with outstanding home and away victories, by 4-2 and 3-1 in October 1998 over Russian champions AK Bars Kazan. As mentioned earlier he stepped down from the bench in Ayr for health reasons in October 2000 and he would return to the game the following season with the Paisley Pirates before finally ending his coaching tenure mid-way through the BNL campaign. During a 12 year playing career in Britain, he amassed a total of 927 points from 450 goals and 477 assists in 438 competitive matches whilst serving 545 penalty minutes. In almost 150 appearances for the Flyers he was greater than a two points per game player.



# TABLES & FIXTURES

## SEASON 2024/25

### ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	26	38	18	0	6	2	95	59	0.73	==
Belfast Giants	24	36	15	2	5	2	94	57	0.75	==
Nottingham Panthers	24	31	12	3	8	1	86	58	0.65	↑
Sheffield Steelers	24	30	14	1	9	0	92	65	0.63	↑
Guildford Flames	26	29	12	2	10	1	82	82	0.56	==
Coventry Blaze	25	28	12	1	10	2	86	78	0.56	↓
Glasgow Clan	25	24	11	1	12	0	74	83	0.48	==
Dundee Stars	27	20	7	2	16	2	83	112	0.37	↑
Manchester Storm	23	17	7	1	14	1	73	99	0.37	↓
Fife Flyers	24	6	2	0	20	2	52	124	0.13	==

As at 2nd January 2025

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
126	Fri	3-Jan-2025	Belfast Giants	Sheffield Steelers	19:00
127	Fri	3-Jan-2025	Cardiff Devils	Dundee Stars	19:00
128	Fri	3-Jan-2025	Manchester Storm	Glasgow Clan	19:00
129	Sat	4-Jan-2025	Dundee Stars	Manchester Storm	19:00
130	Sat	4-Jan-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Glasgow Clan	19:00
131	Sat	4-Jan-2025	Sheffield Steelers	Guildford Flames	19:00
132	Sat	4-Jan-2025	Fife Flyers	Coventry Blaze	19:15
133	Sun	5-Jan-2025	Cardiff Devils	Nottingham Panthers	16:00
134	Sun	5-Jan-2025	Coventry Blaze	Belfast Giants	17:30
135	Sun	5-Jan-2025	Guildford Flames	Fife Flyers	18:00

# FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

Date	Opposition	Competition	Venue	FO Time	Result	Score
Saturday Aug 24th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	19:00	Lost	2-4
Sunday Aug 25th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	17:15	Lost	4-6
Saturday Aug 31st	UQTR	Pre Season	H	19:15	Won	2-0
Saturday Sep 7th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	19:15	Won	4-3
Sunday Sep 8th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-4
Saturday Sep 14th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15	Lost	5-6
Sunday Sep 15th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	17:00	Lost SO	2-3
Saturday Sep 21st	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:00	Lost	1-5
Sunday Sep 22nd	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	5-8
Saturday Sep 28th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	19:15	Won	4-1
Sunday Sep 29th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00	Lost	1-4
Saturday Oct 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15	Won	3-2
Sunday Oct 6th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00	Lost	1-5
Wednesday Oct 9th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	19:30	Lost	0-7
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
Friday Oct 18th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	19:30	Lost	0-7
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15	Lost	4-7
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	0-3
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-7
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	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	Lost	0-6
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Saturday Jan 4th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
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Sunday Apr 6th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		



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