



THE FLYER







VS



SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2025
ELITE LEAGUE

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 11th January 2025				2		5	Elite League	
Period Scores 0-3, 1-2, 1-0								
L	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
i	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
n			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓
e			Brodie Kay	✗	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓
U			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown	✓
p			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✗	James Spence	✗
s					Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓		
	Brown	Refs	Ferguson		Ward	Lines men	Thorpe	

It was the meeting of two teams who had met just a couple of weeks ago over the Christmas period and for the Flyers this game would be the halfway stage of their league campaign in terms of games played. The visitors were without long term injury victim Alex Tonge and also scratched Alex Robert after taking the warm up. For the home side there was a welcome return of Phélix Martineau who had missed the last seven games and had yet to play for interim coach Johnny Curran. The Flyers were missing Janis Voris, Aiden Wilson, Brodie Kay who was still with the GB U20 squad and James Spence. The first chance of the game fell to the Flyers after 30 seconds when the puck took a wicked bounce off the back boards and landed out front of the net on the stick of Kieran Craig but Richard Sabol in the Stars net was aggressively out to take away the space and deflect the shot away. The Stars went the other way and Shane Owen was in the game in the 1st minute when he held a shot on the short side by Brett Gravelle. In the 3rd minute Lucas Chiodo took the puck for a skate in the Stars zone and he was able to find Michael Cichy but Sabol went post to post to deny his first time shot. The Stars threatened next in the 4th minute when they broke quickly and Ben O'Connor was the trailing player who received the puck in the high slot but Owen was equal to the task. The visitors did however break the deadlock in the 5th minute on their next attack when in an odd man rush Philippe Sanche carried the puck down the right wing and picked his spot glove side on Owen. The Flyers responded with an almighty scramble around Sabol's net on their next shift with Charles-Antoine Paiement and Jordan Stallard thrashing away at the bouncing puck on the edge of the crease before the Dundee keeper covered up. The Flyers kept pressing and in the 7th minute Daniel Krenželok forced a pad save from Sabol. Owen then had a blocker save to deny Jake Elmer before Sabol let out a big rebound from a Paiement shot but there were no takers in Flyers colours. The Stars doubled their advantage in the 10th minute when Kyle Pouncy was afforded the space to drift into the slot and get a shot away that beat Owen under the arm on his blocker side. Sabol was in action again a minute later as the Flyers continued to make chances without being able to bury the puck. A pass from Craig was redirected on goal by Krenželok but Sabol stuck out a leg to make an alert save. In the 16th minute Gravelle found himself with lots of time and space going down main street but he ripped a shot high over the crossbar. The Stars struck again with a couple of minutes left in the period when Brendan Harms picked up the pieces around the net and was able to put the puck past a stranded Owen. The Flyers came back again with another chance before the period ended when Sabol was able to trap the puck in the crook of his arm from another Krenželok try.

PERIOD 2

The second period opened with a positive breakthrough for the home side with a goal that was down to sheer determination by Martineau who won a couple of puck battles along the boards before he brought the puck out in front of net and was able to slide it in at the far post past a sprawling Sabol.

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Any momentum that this might have given the Flyers was soon extinguished as 90 seconds later the Stars restored their three goal cushion when Harms was all alone at the side of the Flyers net and when the puck found him he had a wide open cage to chip the puck into with Owen desperately trying to make the save. In the 24th minute a Noah Delmas shot hit a Stars player in front of the net and just bounced wide. Zach Tsekos broke in on the Fife goal in the 26th minute but Owen gloved his effort. The first penalty of the game was called in the 27th minute when Lucas Chiodo went to the box for high sticking. The Stars had some good looks with the man advantage with Spencer Naas going close and then Owen made a big pad save on Jake Elmer. The Flyers goalie made a further three stops but the Flyers survived to complete the kill. The Flyers came close to cutting the deficit in the 31st minute but Delmas saw his high shot ring the inside of the post and stay out. Within moments the Stars added a fifth goal with the Fife defence flat footed and that allowed Tsekos time to make no mistake with a shot from below the circles. The Flyers went on their first power play of the night as Elmer was called for interference with 90 seconds of the period remaining. The Flyers didn't get anything set up before the buzzer sounded.

PERIOD 3

The Stars completed their penalty kill to start the third period. Stars were clearly happy to contain the Flyers at this point and the first serious shot either goalie faced came in the 45th minute when Sabol paddled away another shot from distance from Krenželok. A minute later and it was the Flyers blueliner again who tested the visiting goalie who made the save. In the 47th minute Domenico Alberga was given a roughing minor to send the Flyers back on the man advantage. Michael Cichy had the first two shots on goal, one timers that were well dealt with by Sabol who was able to see the pucks and the Stars completed the kill. In the 53rd minute the Flyers broke into the Stars zone on a 3 on 1 but the move was broken up by Xavier Pouliot before the puck was cleared and the chance was gone. A minute later and Patrick Kyte was forced to hold Sanche who had a step on the blueliner as he went to the net. The Stars created nothing of note on their power play as the Flyers returned to full strength. In the 56th minute the Flyers did get another goal on the board when Craig touched a pass from Kyte beyond Sabol. With two minute remaining the Stars were again shorthanded as Pouliot was binned for boarding but the Flyers couldn't get any quality chances on the Stars net and the visitors ran down the clock.

Flyers Stats					Stars Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Martineau			1	Sanche	Gravelle		For	
45	Craig	Kyte	Cichy	2	Pouncy	Naas	Harms	33	
Shots				3	Harms	Naas	Kielly	Shots	
Against				4	Harms	Kielly	Dow	Against	
33				5	Tsekos	Naas	MacDonald	45	
PIMS				6				PIMS	
4				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Martineau				10				Harms	

STARS
MATCH NIGHT
ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE
& DEREK YOUNG





GETTING TO KNOW #36

JĀNIS VORIS

Date of Birth – January 20, 2000

Position - Goalie

Age - 24

Height - 181cm / 5'11"

Place of Birth – Riga, Latvia

Weight - 75 kg / 165 lbs

Catches - Left

Professional Career

2016-17 HS Riga (Latvia)

2019-20 Dinamo Riga (KHL)

*2021-21 Dinamo Riga (KHL) Rødovre Mighty
Bulls (Denmark)*

*2021-22 Donbass Donetsk (Ukraine) HK
Mogo (Latvia)*

2022-24 DVTK Jegesmedvék (Erste Liga)

#36 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

I played basketball, football, hockey and practiced karate for several years

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

Family support

Who is the best player you have played with?

Lauris Dārziņš

Who is the best player you have played against?

Dmitrij Jaškin

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

My first KHL game and first win.

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

I have only played a few arenas, all arenas are very good.
Favourite rink Belfast

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

Goalies can cross middle red line and maybe try to score goal.

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

I always cheer all teams I've played for and I don't have any team I root against.

Most admired hockey player and why?

Kaspars Daugaviņš, I have trained with him and he is an excellent example for young hockey players. He was always the first one in the ice rink, he is disciplined and a real professional to learn from.

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

Never stop training, even if you are the best in your age group, remember that somewhere in the world someone is training harder while you are resting. Most importantly hard but smart work and also importantly enjoy and love the game

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

I really like to play the puck to help my teammates. For sure I need to improve my positioning.

Pre-game routine?

Same warm up every time and drink a lot of water on game day.

Pre-game meal?

Pasta, chicken and vegetables

Any gameday superstitions?

No

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Basketball

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

Basketball, football

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Lebron James

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Boston Celtics

Which do you prefer books or movies?#

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

Latvian show - 'Lauku seta' – a reality programme about farming

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

Sushi

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Sparkling water/ beer

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

I would like to have dinner with my parents, and with my grandfather, I never met him, he passed away before I was born and also my grandmother as she passed away 5 years ago.

Favourite singer/music/band?

Prāta Vētra – also known as Brainstorm are a Latvian pop/rock band.

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Finland

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

My favourite was sport, and least favourite subject was chemistry

What is your go to Karaoke song?

Prāta Vētra song 'Mana dziesma' – which translates to My Song

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

Latvia rock group 'Līvi' - I would like to play guitar, I really love it but I never played before

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Jancis

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

I could fly

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

Fishing rods, lighter, knife





How many languages do you speak?

I speak 3 languages Latvian/English/Russian

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

I would like to be a fishing guide

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 12th January 2025				8		0	Elite League	
			Period Scores 5-0, 1-0, 2-0					
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Luca Tessardi	BackUp	Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓
			Brodie Kay	✗	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown	✓
Subs			Patrick Kyte	✓	Aiden Wilson	✗	James Spence	✗
					Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓		
Sewell		Refs	Anderson		Fraley	Lines men	Smith	

The Flyers were looking to avoid another defeat which would be their longest winless run of the season and it would also bring to an end a losing run in Sheffield that stretched back to 2018. The Steelers named an unchanged line up to the one that shutout the Coventry Blaze at home the previous night with Robert Dowd, Joel Janatuinen, Marc-Olivier Vallerand and Brandon Whistle all missing. The Flyers added Ben Brown to their roster from the previous evening and their scratches were Aiden Wilson out with a broken foot, Jānis Voris under the weather, Brodie Kay finishing up with the GB20's, James Spence and Cameron Kenny.

15 seconds into the game and the Flyers were shorthanded as Phélix Martineau was called for a high stick following a face off. Shane Owen made a great save to start the penalty kill as he went post to post on a Steeler at the back post, the numbers on the Steelers jerseys all but unreadable. The Steelers did make their manpower advantage count however when Dominic Cormier found Patrick Watling with a cross slot pass and he fired high into the net from the face off dot. In the 4th minute Lucas Chiodo stole the puck in the Steelers zone but he couldn't get his shot away as he went in on net. Moments later the Steelers were back on the power play as Ryan Foss caught Kevin Tansey with a high stick. Watling from the face off had a shot hit the side netting and despite a number of good looks the Steelers couldn't add to their lead as the Flyers complete the kill. In the 7th minute the Steelers were again guilty of giving the puck away in their zone and Foss tried to find Austin Farley who was parked on the edge of the crease but the puck was blocked and the danger cleared. A one timer from Daniel Ciampini in the 9th minute was held by Owen. Matt Greenfield was forced to make his first serious save in the 10th minute as he just got a piece of the puck to deny Michael Cichy from close range. Charles-Antoine Paiement weaved his way to the net in the Flyers next attack but was crowded out and the Steelers went the other way and doubled their lead when Maxim Golod let a shot go from the high slot that somehow snuck through the arm of Owen. In the 14th minute Watling had another glorious chance but he sailed his shot over the bar. The puck was recycled however and this time Watling played a pass across crease to the stick of Mikko Juusola who was parked on the edge of Owen's crease and he had a simple tap in. Less than a minute later and the home side had their 4th as the Steelers outworked the Flyers in their own zone and after Owen made a poke check on Golod the puck broke to Daniel Leavens who scrambled it home. In the 17th minute Patrick Kyte carried the puck into the Steelers zone and from the left wing he tested Greenfield. A minute later and a Paiement shot was fumbled by Greenfield who was lucky to see it scrambled away. With 90 seconds of the period remaining the Steelers went nap as they moved the puck up ice and the tic tac toe passing was finished with a drop pass to Veeti Vainio who picked the bottom corner on Owen's stick side. Kyte was then called for an elbow on Cole Shudra before Colton Saucerman came in and negated any power play as he was called for roughing and the teams skated 5 on 5 to end the period.

PERIOD 2

In the opening minute of the 2nd period Martineau wired the puck wide of goal from the slot before Juusola missed the target as the Steelers went the other way.

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In the 23rd minute Massimo Carozza found Cichy in front of the Steelers net and he whipped the puck wide with just Greenfield to beat. Owen stood strong to deny Brien Diffley in the 25th minute. A minute later and Chiodo was denied by a Greenfield toe save. The Flyers created yet another good chance in the 29th minute when Martineau fed Austin Farley who was out front of Greenfield and he had two attempts to stuff the puck home but eventually fired wide of the net. On 30 minutes Tansey had a chance before the Flyers caught a break as a shot by Ciampini hit both posts before bouncing clear. The Steelers were ramping up the pressure now and there were chances for Golod and Ciampini but Owen was solid in net. The visiting keeper saved another from a blueline shot and he then denied Leavens in the 36th minute as he was able to hold on to the puck from a shot from the slot. The Steelers did get another on the board in the 37th minute when Dominic Cormier let fly from the high slot and it went through a mass humanity in front of Owen who had zero chance of tracking the puck. In the 38th minute Kyte broke up a 3 on 1 Steelers rush and the Flyers transitioned with Cichy just out of reach of a puck that flashed across Greenfield's net. The Steelers goalie made a fine double save to deny Paiement in the final minute before Tyler Heidt was given the gate for a trip with the Flyers ending the period on the penalty kill.

PERIOD 3

The Flyers had 90 seconds of the Steelers power play to kill to start the 3rd period. Tansey flubbed on a one time shot before Owen made a close in save. Mitchell Balmas rang a shot off the crossbar as the Flyers were able to return to full strength unscathed. The Steelers however immediately had a number of chances and Watling himself had three near misses with Owen also doing sterling work in the Flyers net. In the 43rd minute the Fife keeper was stung by a rasping shot by Ivan Bjorkly Nordstrom that caught him flush in the mask. After some helmet readjustments he then swallowed a shot a minute later from Tansey. Balmas was denied by a shoulder save by Owen in the 48th minute and moments later Watling was once again wasteful when he had a couple of sights of goal. It was all one way traffic at this point and in the 50th minute Owen flashed the leather to snag a Sacha Guimond shot. A minute later however the Fife keeper was helpless as Cormier got another when he sniped the pick just inside the post from the slot. The Steelers almost added another in the 52nd minute on an odd man rush but Balmas was once again out of luck as his shot hit metalwork. Heidt returned to the box for hooking and from the face off the Flyers survived a goal line stand as Owen and Krenželok lying across the crease kept out Leavens and Mark Simpson before the visitors were able to complete the kill. Greenfield made a routine save in the 56th minute which was his first shot of the period. In the 57th minute Juusola drove the net and as Owen made the initial save the puck spun free and Balmas was on hand to clean up the garbage and bring up the Steelers eighth goal. Greenfield had a fine shoulder save to deny Jordan Stallard and moments later he did well to stop a close in tip by Krenželok. With 70 seconds to go the Flyers went on their first power play of the game when Guimond was guilty of a slash. Simpson had a short handed bid blocked by Owen and Greenfield preserved his second shutout of the weekend when he made a couple of saves to deny the Flyers a consolation goal.

Steelers Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Watling	Cormier	Balmas	1				For	
58	Golod	Leavens	Simpson	2				22	
Shots	Juusola	Watling	Balmas	3				Shots	
Against	Leavens	Golod	Simpson	4				Against	
22	Vainio	Leavens	Golod	5				58	
PiMS	Cormier	Ciampini	Huttula	6				PiMS	
4	Cormier	Simpson	Leavens	7				10	
	Balmas	Juusola	Watling	8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Cormier				10				LeBlanc	

STEELERS

MATCH NIGHT ACTION



DEAN WOOLEY



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	35	0	2	2	0	0	2	10	1340	0.89	4.8	0	0	1888	151
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luca Tessadri	G	1	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	14	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	354	0.88	5.07	0	0	509	43
Cameron Kenny	G	21	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	40	1	12	13	1	6	7			0		6	6	14	45
Madi Dikhanbek	D	27	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	42
Tyler Heidt	D	39	4	9	13	1	2	3			0	3	7	10	30	67
Brodie Kay	D	32	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	20
Daniel Krenželok	D	39	3	5	8	1	3	4			0	2	2	4	38	134
Patrick Kyte	D	37	1	5	6	1	1	2			0		4	4	43	52
Olivier LeBlanc	D	33	0	8	8		1	1			0		7	7	39	30
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	39	11	25	36	4	7	11			0	7	18	25	12	110
Michael Cichy	F	39	14	13	27	5	3	8			0	9	10	19	12	78
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	25	4	8	12	1	1	2			0	3	7	10	8	50
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	33	18	15	33	5	6	11			0	13	9	22	22	128
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	28	5	7	12	1	4	5			0	4	3	7	49	45
Aiden Wilson	F	14	0	0	0			0			0			0	4	3
Massimo Carozza	F	19	5	4	9	1	1	2			0	4	3	7	2	36
Jordan Stallard	F	17	1	2	3			0			0	1	2	3	6	26
Ben Brown	F	10	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	10
Kieran Craig	F	9	3	2	5			0			0	3	2	5	4	30
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
Charles-Antoine Paiement	F	4	1	0	1			0			0	1		1	0	10
Players in BLUE are everresents Inc All Competitions Figures as at 12/01/2025																
Totals			84	145	227	22	43	65	0	0	0	62	99	161	384	1115
			0 SO Goals													

Legend

GP - Games Played, Tot G - Total Goals Scored, Tot A - Total Assists, Tot Pts - Total Points, PP G - Power Play Goals Scored, PP A - Power Play Assists, SH G - Shorthanded Goals Scored, SH A - Shorthanded Assists, EV G - Even Strength Goals Scored, EV A - Even Strength Assists, PiMs - Penalty Minutes, SOG - Shots on Goal, S - Shots faced, S % - Save Percentage, GAA - Goals Against Average, SO - Shut Outs, PS S - Penalty Shots Saved, TOI - Time on Ice, GC - Goals Conceded

Penalty Shots Scored	Shorthanded Goals Scored	Game Winning Goals	Empty Net Goals For	Empty Net Goals Against
		1 - Musorov Krenželok Cichy Chiodo Martineau	1 - Pilon	7

WEEK 19 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Fife Flyers 2 Dundee Stars 5 - Elite League

The Stars made it 6 consecutive wins against the Flyers which is their best ever sequence of wins against Fife in the EIHL era.

Stars 3 consecutive wins at Fife Ice Arena also equals their best ever sequence on Flyers ice in all EIHL competitions.

Kieran Craig has goals in back to back games against the Stars and Brendan Harms now has goals for the Stars in his last four games against the Flyers.

Philippe Sanche stretched his team leading goals total for the Stars against the Flyers to 17 goals.

The Flyers were 54% successful at the face off dot, their best in the last 18 games and second best on the season.

Every Flyers skater had at least 1 shot on goal in the game – the first time this has happened this season. It was the 4th game for Flyers without conceding a power play goal – the best streak of the season as the Flyers are 8 for 8 over that time.

We have reached the halfway stage of the league campaign and this is how the Flyers record looks across all EIHL seasons:

Season	Games	Won	Lost	OT/SO Loss	Goals For	Goals Against	Halfway Points	Final Points	% of Final Points at Halfway
2011/12	27	4	19	4	55	135	12	22	54.55
2012/13	27	12	14	1	77	88	25	48	52.08
2013/14	26	9	14	3	70	103	21	53	39.62
2014/15	26	10	14	2	82	90	22	47	46.81
2015/16	26	12	13	1	75	82	25	55	45.45
2016/17	26	13	12	1	85	80	27	53	50.94
2017/18	28	21	7	0	116	71	42	68	61.76
2018/19	30	16	10	4	104	96	36	66	54.55
2019/20 **	27	11	14	2	77	89	24	34	70.59
2021/22	27	6	20	1	54	95	13	37	35.14
2022/23	27	7	18	2	64	100	16	34	47.06
2023/24	27	9	15	3	69	105	21	51	41.18
2024/25	27	2	23	2	56	139	6		
Average								49.98	

** Covid Shutdown

On Sunday night.....

Sheffield Steelers 8 Fife Flyers 0 - Elite League

The Steelers recorded their biggest margin of victory over the Flyers in 74 games in all EIHL competitions. The Flyers winless run in Sheffield was extended to 18 games which is now the longest Flyers road winless streak against any opponent in the EIHL era.

5 goals against in the first period equals a season high for goals given up by Flyers in a period this season.

Flyers were shutout for the 6th time this season and for the 12th time by Steelers in all EIHL competitions – Only Belfast with 13 have more shutouts against the Flyers.

The Flyers run of penalty killing success ended at 4 games with the Steelers scoring their first power play goal this season against the Flyers who are 10 for 11 on the kill against Sheffield.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's									
2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	14	44 Sam Anderson	3	77 James Ions	2		
3 Tom Pering	1	20 Pavel Halas	7	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	1	24 Rene Jensen	1		
9 Joe Sewell	3	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	15				
16 Alan Craig	9	43 Graham Rodger	9	52 Stephen Matthews	3				



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 20



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Since the last meeting of the teams at the start of December which halted a run of five consecutive defeats in the league for the Storm they went on a more consistent run. A point was dropped against the Panthers in an overtime defeat before they then took two points the following night in a shootout in Cardiff. Before Christmas there was a fine 5-1 win against the Blaze in Coventry before splitting two games against the Guildford Flames with each side winning on their home ice. The Sheffield Steelers provided the opposition in the last game of 2024 and first in 2025 with the Storm dropping both games. The Storm then hosted the Glasgow Clan in a Friday night match up and won 4-1 before making it a 4 point weekend the next night in Dundee as they downed the Stars 4-3. Last weekend the Storm ran the Devils close at the Storm Shelter losing 203 but were then handily beaten 5-1 by the Blaze in the Midlands.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO STORM

Saturday 7th December 2024					4	2		Elite League	
Storm Stats					Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
Hebert	D'Aoust	Martin	28	Goal 1	Martineau	Chiodo	Delmas	21	
D'Aoust	Morrow	Martin	Shots Against	Goal 2	Pilon	Krenzelok	Farley	Shots Against	
Morrow	Harrison	Hebert	21	Goal 3				28	
Johnson			PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS	
			4	Goal 5				10	
				Goal 6					
			Goalie	Goal 7				Goalie	
			Weninger	Goal 8				Owen	
				Goal 9					
				Goal 10					

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST STORM

P 26 W 9 L 172 F 75 A 96

Number Crunching

The Flyers have lost their last five games against the Storm in Altrincham which is their longest winless sequence there in the EIHL era.

It is also the longest winning sequence by one team over the other in all EIHL competitions.

The Flyers will be looking to avoid tying their longest losing streak in the EIHL which is 14 games.

Phelix Martineau has goals in all three encounters against the Storm this season.

The Storm have 8 different scorers in their games against Flyers this season with only D'Aoust having multiple goals. The Flyers have 7 different scorers against Storm with Martineau the only multiple scorer. Excluding shootout goals the teams are tied with 172 goals scored each in all EIHL competitions against each other.

Manchester and Fife are the two remaining teams who have yet to record a shutout this season.



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The Panthers and Flyers last met in mid-December and their win over the Flyers was mid a five game winning streak as they followed up with a 6-4 home win against the Guildford Flames before they beat the Cardiff Devils in Wales on Boxing Day. Their run came to and end two days later when the Sheffield Steelers won a close 3-2 decision at the Motorpoint Arena before the Panthers said farewell to 2024 with a thumping 9-2 shellacking at home against the Coventry Blaze. On New Years day the Panthers travelled to the Skydome where they shut the Blaze out in a 3-0 win. Glasgow Clan were next to fall at the Motorpoint in a low scoring 2-1 Panthers win before the Devils won the next night by the odd goal in five in Cardiff. Last weekend the Panthers were on their travels with three in three nights starting with a pair of games in Belfast. The Giants won both as they shutout their visitors in the first game before securing a 4-2 win on the Saturday night. The Panthers salvaged a couple of points on Sunday night when they won 4-1 on Tayside against the Stars. Before heading to Fife the Panthers host the Coventry Blaze. The Panthers have added two new faces to their roster since their last meeting with Fife, both Americans, forward Mitchell Fossier who played in the ECHL with the Atlanta Gladiators last season and goalie and Jason Grande who started this season in Slovakia with HC Nove Zamky.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM PANTHERS

Sunday 3rd November 2024				3				4				Elite League			
Flyers Stats				Panthers Stats											
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		
Musorov	Dikhanbek	Foss	25		Goal 1	Roy	Bunz	Kontos	40						
Shulga	Krenzelok	Kyte	Shots Against		Goal 2	Nieminen	Doherty	Stefanson	Shots Against						
Chiodo	Cichy	Owen	40		Goal 3	Neilson	Kontos	Wichers	25						
			PiMS		Goal 4	Roy			PiMS						
			4		Goal 5				4						
					Goal 6										
			Goalie		Goal 7				Goalie						
			Owen		Goal 8				Bednard						
					Goal 9										
					Goal 10										

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST PANTHERS

P 31 W 13 L 18 F 100 A 113

Number Crunching

The Flyers are winless against the Panthers in their last 4 meetings and in their three wins this season the Panthers have outscored the Flyers 15-4.

10 different Panthers have found the net against the Flyers this season with the only active Flyers player to have scored against Nottingham being Lucas Chiodo.

The Panthers have conceded two penalty shot goals this season which is most of all teams
Panthers remain the team with fewest goals from defencemen with 5 across all EIHL competitions this season.

Panthers with 19 goals against in the first period have conceded the fewest in the opening period in all EIHL competitions this season. It's exactly half of the goals conceded in each of the next two periods.

The Flyers have conceded most first period goals of all teams with 66 given up.

Only Belfast and Cardiff have shorter losing streaks on the season than Panthers who have a season high of 3 across all EIHL competitions.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 19



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

Friday 10th January

Belfast Giants 2 Nottingham Panthers 0 Elite League

(1-0, 0-0, 1-0,) SOG 32-27 PIMs 10-4 Att 6622

Belfast Giants kept up the pressure on league leaders Cardiff Devils with a shutout victory over Nottingham Panthers on Friday at the SSE Arena. Jackson Whistle stopped all 27 shots put on him. "It was nice to do something for the team tonight. I thought we played pretty well out there as a group too," said the Giants goalie. "The guys were really diving about, trying to block shots, especially at the end of the last two periods when they were really piling it on. The team just did a great job, and every time you get a shutout it really is a team effort." Both sets of fans made their presence known in a sold-out crowd of 6,622, as Nottingham fans arrived in numbers for the double-header in Belfast. Both the Giants and Panthers had early opportunities on the powerplay, but neither could capitalise. Two good chances fell to Mark Cooper, who had two breakaways in the space of two minutes while the Giants killed a penalty. However, he was denied well on both occasions by Jason Grande. The Giants managed to grab an opener with 40 seconds remaining. Ben Lake cut the puck back to Jeff Baum in the left circle, who unleashed a bullet into the top corner to put the Giants a goal up at 19:20. It was a scoreless but entertaining second period as both sides had chances, but neither could capitalise on them. The best opportunity fell to Didrik Henbrant, who was played through with only Jackson Whistle to beat. However, Whistle made himself big and ensured that the Giants' clean sheet remained intact. Whistle made further important saves to keep the Giants ahead, as they remained a goal ahead going into the third period. Having not managed to score on a Ciaran Long holding minor with just over ten minutes to go, the Panthers rolled the dice by pulling Grande with 82 seconds remaining. JJ Piccinich, however, found the empty net at 59:12 to wrap up the game for the hosts. "Winning tonight was huge, especially in this league, you don't want to go on a losing streak," added Whistle. "Every time you lose a game or two you've got to bounce back straight away because everyone is kinda nipping at your heels and you're pushing too to get first place so it's going to be a real battle from here going forward."

Glasgow Clan 4 Cardiff Devils 5 Elite League

(2-0, 1-1, 1-4,) SOG 34-37 PIMs 20-8 Att 3323

Glasgow Clan blew a two-goal lead in the final 17 minutes of their Elite League game on Friday night at Braehead Arena, going down 5-4 to league leaders Cardiff Devils. Cole Ullly opened the scoring at 16:37 with a wrist shot that may have deflected off Mark Richardson to go high and beat Mac Carruth and put Clan ahead. In a period of plenty of chances at both ends, Mitchell Heard doubled with the side's advantage with 29 seconds remaining - skating into the slot in space and firing past Carruth. Cody Donaghey shot through traffic to bring the Devils back to within one at 29:39, but the home side hit back 27 seconds later when Rylan Schwartz tipped Joe Hazeldine's shot past Carruth at 30:06. Cardiff turned the game around in under two third-period minutes. Brett Perlini pulled one back at 43:51, followed by Tyler Busch tying the game 58 seconds later. By 45:29, the Devils broke 2-on-1 where Cole Sanford took the shot and beat Landon Bow five-hole to put the visitors into their first lead of the night. As the Devils ran into late penalty trouble, Kohen Olichefski was stand-out for the visiting winning faceoffs and coming up with a huge block as Clan pressed. Clan tied the game with a fortunate play while on the powerplay. Schwartz's throw on net deflected off Richardson and trickled over the goal line with Carruth missing the puck as he tried to swipe it away. After running into penalty trouble themselves, the Devils then went on a 5-on-3 advantage as Sideroff and Heard were called for separate minors at 55:25. Josh MacDonald fired home 50 seconds later to put the Devils back ahead. With just over 90 seconds to go, Olischefski cleared a rolling puck off the goal line to ensure the Devils would take two points from Glasgow.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 19



Saturday 11th January

Sheffield Steelers 5 Coventry Blaze 0 Elite League

(0-0, 4-0, 1-0,) SOG 33-29 PIMs 2-8 Att 6952

Sheffield Steelers logged their sixth win in a row with a five-goal, shutout win over Coventry Blaze on Saturday night at the Utilita Arena. Period one ended scoreless between the Steelers and Blaze, although the home side created the better of the chances. Max Golod went through 1-on-0 but couldn't beat Robson, while a couple of shots just wide, or a good stop from Mat Robson, kept the Steelers at bay. In the final seconds of the period, Nick Seitz was left alone in front of Matt Greenfield but couldn't quite get his stick on the puck to grab the Blaze the lead. Four goals in the middle period put the Steelers in complete control through 40 minutes. Having gone 30 minutes without seeing a goal, the home crowd were treated to four in just over eight minutes. Kevin Tansey, playing forward for the night, scored a wonderful solo goal to open the scoring at 30:06, going coast to coast and beating an out-stretched Robson. 71 seconds later, a clever pass from Golod to Daniel Leavens set up the Steelers' forwards for their second of the night, while at 33:10 Mitchell Balmas fired home from the point to make it 3-0. Sasha Guimond jumped into the play to net the Steelers' fourth at 38:21 in a period where the home side also saw a shot come back off the inside of Robson's post. Tansey netted his second of the game 3:05 into period three which is where the scoring ended, but marked a two-goal night for the stand-in Steelers captain playing as a forward. Greenfield held on for a 29-shot shutout with the Blaze unable to find a way through in the final period.

Belfast Giants 4 Nottingham Panthers 2 Elite League

(1-2, 1-0, 2-0,) SOG 43-27 PIMs 8-6 Att 7123

Belfast Giants made it a four-point weekend with their second victory over Nottingham Panthers in 24 hours, coming out 4-2 winners at a sold-out SSE Arena with over 7,000 fans. "Sometimes it can be harder, sometimes it can be easier," said Giants' Ciaran Long on playing the same team twice in quick succession. "I think the way you start a game is a huge thing, I think no matter what team it is, or if you play the same team back to back, I think you need to start well and build from that. " Build from that the Giants did. It was an electric atmosphere again in the SSE Arena when the puck dropped, and they took the lead through Pierre-Olivier Morin. Kyle Osterberg picked out Morin, who lifted the puck high into the net to give the Giants the lead at 7:43. The Panthers equalised on the powerplay after Bobo Carpenter was penalised for slashing. Mitch Fossier found Kristoff Kontos with an excellent back-handed pass from behind the net. Kontos finished well past Whistle to get the Panthers on the scoreboard at 16:09. The visitors then grabbed a second just over two minutes later, again on the powerplay. This time it was Fossier with the goal as he was found by Matt Alfaro at 18:37. Fossier's shot beat Whistle with the help of a deflection off a Giants defender to give the Panthers a lead going into the interval. Belfast got themselves level at 32:53 through Bobo Carpenter. Josh Roach fired the puck across the front of goal, and Bobo Carpenter was lurking to get the Giants level. Neither team could capitalise on powerplay as the score remained level going into the third period. The next goal was likely going to decide the game, and it was the hosts that got it. Ciaran Long was sent through 1-on-0 on Grande by Josh Roach, and made no mistake with a neat finish to put Giants back ahead at 46:58. "It's always nice getting the winner. It's a nice little bonus, but winning the game is the most important thing, and that's what we got," added Long. "Even being down one, the opportunities we gave them were just on the powerplay. I felt like we just had to stay out if the box and keep doing what we were doing on five-on-five, and eventually it was going to pay off and it did." Grande was pulled with 1:57 to play as the Panthers searched for an equaliser, but with 11 seconds remaining they had to watch on as Scott Conway fired into the empty net from his own zone to settle the game.

Manchester Storm 2 Cardiff Devils 3 Elite League

(1-0, 1-2, 0-1,) SOG 37-31 PIMs 10-10 Att 2217

For the second night in a row, Cardiff Devils came back from two goals down to pick up a win and stay three points clear at the top of the Elite League. This time they overcame Manchester Storm on Saturday night. Manchester wasted no time in getting themselves ahead in the game. Just 25 seconds had been played in the Storm Shelter when Stephen Johnson put Manchester ahead against the league leaders. Evan Weninger was the busier of the two goalies during the opening 20 minutes, but held out to keep the home side ahead heading into the break. Having started fast in the first, Storm scored quickly in the second period as well.



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Alexis D'Aoust broke down the wing and let go an excellent snipe to beat Taz Burman and put Manchester two up with 22:18 played. Cardiff got themselves back into things with two goals in just over three minutes. An Evan Mosey shot from the point found its way through past Weninger at 34:43 on the powerplay, before an Andrew MacWilliam slap-shot beat the Storm goalie high to tie the game at 38:03. Storm had an early chance to go back ahead in period three, but Ryan Hughes couldn't find the target on a penalty shot after getting Burman to bite on his drag. The Devils immediately punished their hosts for that missed chance – a Cody Donaghey shot from the point somehow got through Weninger to put the Devils into the lead at 42:51. Storm came closest to tying when a stranded Burman could only see the puck shot wide of his net, while in the closing stages Weninger was pulled but without Storm creating a clear-cut chance to equalise. Cardiff held on for the one-goal win in a game where all of their goals were scored by defensemen.

Glasgow Clan 5 Guildford Flames 4 Overtime Elite League

(0-1, 3-1, 1-2, 1-0) SOG 33-29 PIMs 35-31 Att 3489

There was all kinds of drama at Braehead Arena on Saturday night for the near sell-out crowd to enjoy, culminating in Glasgow Clan beating Guildford Flames 5-4 after overtime. The opening period ended with the visitors ahead. A terrible turnover in their own end by Clan put the puck on a plate for Brett Welychka to set up Daniel Tedesco for a far-post tap-in with 5:32 played. Eamon McAdam in the Flames net pulled off a fantastic sliding, pad save to deny Tyson McLellan as the Clan broke 2-on-1 midway through the period, while Keaton Jamieson saw a huge slap-shot come back off the post as the Flames stayed ahead heading into the break. An eventful second period saw four goals and a change of the lead. Guildford had the better start with Ethan Strang beating Landon Bow five-hole on a breakaway 2:35 into the period, but Clan changed things around over a ten-minute spell. Felix Pare got them on the board at 25:10, followed by a wonderful tic-tac-toe play that ended with Cole Ullly tipping a Brett Finlay shot past McAdam at 30:13. After that goal, the game officials went back to review a possible major penalty and, after finding it on the video, ejected Brett Welychka for a butt-end after a faceoff that began the play. That put Clan on a five-minute advantage, and they made full use of it with Deven Sideroff firing home in the slot at 33:16. A rocket from Ethan Strang off a Brett Ferguson feed tied it for the Flames 5:11 into period three, and they were then handed a five-minute advantage of their own when Rylan Schwartz was ejected for boarding. The home side killed off the full five minutes to an excellent reception from their home crowd. Clan piled pressured on McAdam's net in the final few minutes, and were eventually rewarded by a moment of brilliance from Deven Sideroff who broke through and bear McAdam over the pad to put Clan ahead with only 56 seconds to play. Guildford eventually got the puck deep and McAdam pulled with 10 seconds to go, and stunned the home crowd when an excellent Charlie Curti pass down low fed Charlie Doderio at the far post to level with only three seconds remaining. The game headed into overtime when Clan really should have been already celebrating a win, but they weren't to be denied victory - 1:42 into the extra period, Ullly's speed set him free to beat McAdam with a similar move to Sideroff's and win the game for the Clan.

Sunday 12th January

Coventry Blaze 5 Manchester Storm 1 Elite League

(2-0, 2-1, 1-0,) SOG 37-29 PIMs 19-17 Att 1942

Coventry Blaze stayed in touch with the Elite League's top four places with a 5-1 win in front of over 1,900 fans at the Skydome. "The biggest thing was we came back into our rink, knowing we've had a lot of success here, and got back to what we do best," said Alessio Luciani. "As a line, all three of us did a good job of being connected. As a team, we got contributions from all three lines which really helped." Some six minutes into the game the hosts should have opened the scoring, only for an excellent sliding save by Evan Weninger across to his post denying the Blaze from going ahead. Coventry did take the lead shortly after, however, with a loose puck bouncing kindly to Kim Tallberg in the slot to beat Weninger shorthanded at 13:58. With 96 seconds left in the period, Alessio Luciani fired past the Storm goalie to double the lead. Period two took 40 minutes to complete with a fight and several post-whistle scrums. The Blaze went three ahead 5:48 into the period when Morten Jürgen's spin and shot beat Weninger at his near post on a shot he'd like to have had back. After Cam Critchlow and Jürgens had received roughing minors, tempers boiled over with Mike Kennedy and Jake Durflinger dropping the gloves at 30:14. 72 seconds later, an excellent Alexis D'Aoust pass landed perfectly on the stick of Craig Martin to bat home at 31:26 and get Storm on the board.



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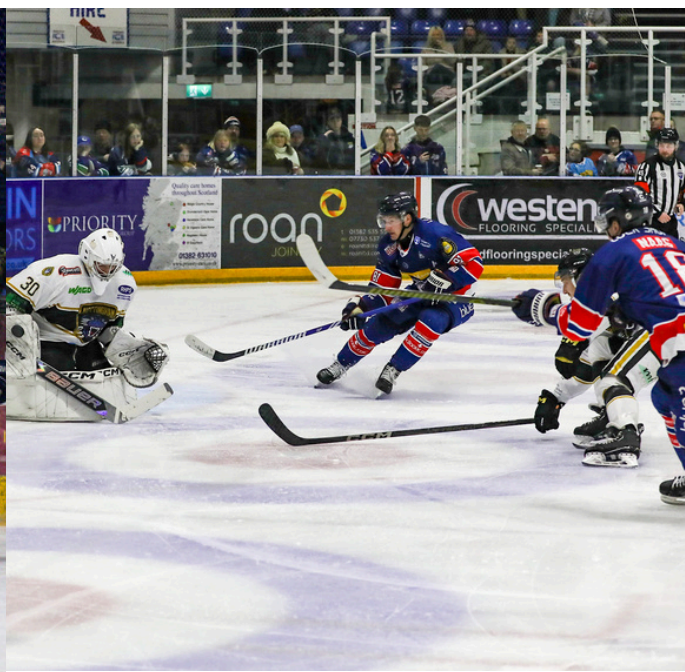


We did a good job managing the bench and managing our emotions in that period," added Luciani. "We try not to let penalties or anything else interfere with what we're doing and I thought we did that very well today." Brandon Alderson was left all alone at the far post to convert a Michael Regush pass with 2:05 left in the second to make it 4-1 and give the Blaze their three-goal cushion back. A late couple of minors on Storm gave the Blaze a 5-on-3 to end the game with, and they scored the night's final goal at 58:01 with a point shot from Chase Gresock.

Dundee Stars 1 Nottingham Panthers 4 Elite League

(0-2, 0-1, 1-1,) SOG 32-29 PIMs 15-11 Att 1932

Nottingham Panthers ended a three-in-three on the road with a 4-1 win over Dundee Stars on Sunday night. "It was a good win for the boys, a lot of character there," said Jason Grande, who backstopped the Panthers to the win. "The third game in three days and we just kept it simple, trusted what we needed to do, paid attention to details and didn't overcomplicate things which made it a lot easier to get the job done tonight." After the Stars failed to clear their zone, Nottingham took advantage and opened the scoring early at 02:17. Tim Doherty picked up a pass from Matt Alfaro in the slot, and sent the puck over the shoulders of Richard Sabol to make it 1-0. A solid forecheck from the Panthers resulted in Matt Alfaro finding himself alone in front of the Stars net, with the Canadian beating Sabol to make it 2-0 at 18:23. The visitors made it 3-0 just 26 seconds into the second period, with Hugo Roy's pass from behind the Stars net finding Didrik Henbrant in the slot who sent a one timer past Sabol. Nottingham maintained consistent control throughout the period, with Dundee's best chance coming at 25:00 as Spencer Naas sent a tight angle shot off the rush which was denied by Jason Grande. "You've got to keep going, you can never stop and these two points are crucial in the season," added the Panthers' goalie. "If you want to stay in the race for the title and send a message to the league you have to be ready to play every night and I think the boys did a good job of that tonight" The Stars did get themselves on the board early in period three as the Panthers began to tire. Neat passing saw the puck played into Brett Gravelle in the slot to slide into a gaping cage with Grande out of position and make it 1-3. Dundee got life from the goal and carried the majority of the possession in the closing 15 minutes. The home side did work a couple of half-decent chances, but found Grande in fine form in the Panthers net to keep his team two ahead. With 5:44 to go, Ben O'Connor's objection to a hit on him saw the Stars defenseman take a late cross-checking minor - something the Stars didn't need. Sabol was pulled with 2:08 to go, and having killed off the penalty the hosts also called a timeout with 71 seconds left. After the Stars felt they were denied a couple of icings, Otto Nieminen found the empty net with 10 seconds to play to round off the scoring. Drydn Dow was assessed a minor for sharing his thoughts on the previous non-calls.





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
37 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
Palement
61 James Spence
43 Jordan Stallard
24 Aiden Wilson

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

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



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

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

Goalies

35 Ryan Bednard

30 Jason Grande

33 Luca Sheldon

Defencemen

23 Bradley Bowering

79 Davis Bunz

70 Zsombor Garát

26 Jaakko Niskala

24 Matt Spencer

25 Joshua Tetlow 'A'

4 Quinn Wichers

7 Cooper Zech

Forwards

21 Matt Alfaro

74 Oliver Betteridge 'A'

17 Tim Doherty

44 Oliver Endicott

18 Mitchell Fossier

98 Didrik Henbrant

41 Sam Herr 'C'

14 Jordan Kelsall

16 Kristoff Kontos

61 Logan Neilson

43 Otto Nieminen

20 Thomas Palmer

13 Hugo Roy 'A'

19 Reid Stefanson

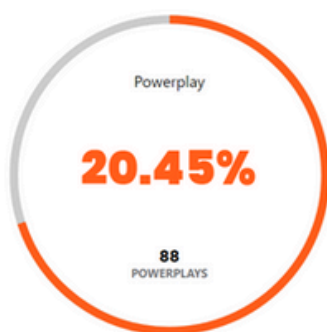
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Man of the Match Visitors:





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PANTHERS IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

29 Games played	14 Wins	11 Losses	3 Overtime wins	1 Overtime losses	0.603 Win %
35 Points	96 Goals scored	69 Goals against	3.31 Goals For average	2.38 Goals Against average	6 015 Average attendance
902 Shots on goal for	894 Shots on goal against				



				Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
	41	Samuel Herr	FW	27	15	13	28	12	6	1	8	94	130	0	0	8	21:22
	98	Didrik Henbrant	FW	29	15	11	26	17	0	0	15	86	124	0	0	8	17:19
	16	Kristoff Kontos	FW	27	11	15	26	12	3	0	6	53	85	224	220	2	19:06
	18	Mitchell Fossier	FW	17	5	16	21	11	2	0	10	45	60	2	1	4	20:57
	19	Reid Stefanson	FW	29	6	12	18	10	0	0	1	49	77	37	43	5	17:29
	21	Matt Alfaro	FW	20	5	12	17	12	1	1	6	47	75	236	211	13	19:34
	17	Tim Doherty	FW	22	7	8	15	8	2	0	-1	41	59	140	172	14	17:15
	43	Otto Nieminen	FW	29	7	8	15	14	1	0	7	68	103	0	1	9	16:54
	13	Hugo Roy	FW	29	10	3	13	0	3	0	7	62	101	112	129	4	17:12
	74	Oliver Betteridge	FW	29	7	6	13	0	0	0	7	54	87	14	22	19	12:38
	70	Zsombor Garat	D	28	3	9	12	10	0	0	22	40	75	0	0	20	18:19
	7	Cooper Zech	D	11	0	9	9	2	0	0	-3	39	54	0	0	2	20:29
	14	Jordan Kelsall	FW	29	2	6	8	39	0	0	4	19	33	77	126	5	11:46
	61	Logan Neilson	FW	29	1	7	8	6	0	0	-7	29	51	0	0	7	09:54
	4	Quinn Wichers	D	21	0	6	6	31	0	0	4	24	37	0	0	15	20:21
	24	Matt Spencer	D	29	1	4	5	22	0	0	11	48	85	1	0	32	21:54
	26	Jaakko Niskala	D	24	1	4	5	8	0	0	8	34	59	0	0	14	17:46
	25	Joshua Tetlow	D	29	0	5	5	34	0	0	2	22	50	0	0	35	15:38
	79	Davis Bunz	D	29	0	4	4	17	0	0	-2	40	85	0	0	9	18:35
	39	Adam Berg	FW	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	-1	7	10	0	0	0	09:03
	44	Oliver Endicott	FW	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	03:16
	20	Thomas Palmer	FW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00:00
	23	Bradley Bowering	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	0	0	0	13:02

			Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
	30	USAJason Grande	6	2	3	0	148	9	255	2.12	93.92	0
	30	SVNRok Stojanovic	1	0	1	0	28	2	58	2.07	92.86	0
	35	USARyan Bednard	23	15	7	2	651	50	1338	2.24	92.32	0
	72	USAHunter Vorva	2	0	1	0	64	5	78	3.85	92.19	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 goalie **Ryan Bednard**

Ryan born in March 1997 is a native of Macomb Township in Michigan and played his minor hockey in the state with the Little Caesars and Victory Honda AAA organisations. In his draft eligible year Bednard played in the NAHL for the Johnstown Tomahawks and that spring he was selected by the Florida Panthers with their final pick in the 7th round with the Cats having also taken goalie Sam Montembeault in an earlier round. The 18 year old then spent the next season in the USHL with the Youngstown Phantoms playing in 40 games and finishing off his time there with a 3.23 GAA and a .904 SV%. He then decided on the NCAA route when he signed along with his brother Shane at Bowling Green State University in Ohio for the 2016/17 season. In his Freshman season he appeared in seven games for the Falcons and first started at Western Michigan (Oct. 15) and tallied 20:58 minutes and five saves. He earned his first career shutout in a 3-0 victory at home against Alaska Anchorage (Nov. 26) with 11 saves. He was named WCHA Rookie of the Week on Jan. 9 after he recorded 17 saves in the 4-2 win at home over then-No. 17 Bemidji State (Jan. 6). He marked a season-high of 29 saves against Michigan Tech (Dec. 10) ... totalled 377:01 in goal on the season, with 17 goals against for a 2.71 goals against average and tallied 127 saves for a season save percentage of .882 and a 4-3-0 record. In his Sophomore season with the Falcons he played in 29 games on the season playing 1657:00 minutes and he posted a 15-8-4 record on the season with a .916 save percentage and 2.25 goals against average. The 2.25 single season goals against average ranked fourth in Bowling Green programme history at that time while .916 season save percentage ranked sixth overall. He registered three shutouts on the year, for four in his career and was named WCHA Goaltender of the Month for November as well as WCHA Goaltender of the Week on March 5 for his efforts against Ferris State in the WCHA First Round Playoffs. He posted a career-high performance of 39 saves in game three of the WCHA Semifinals at Northern Michigan on March 11 and marked four 30+ save performances on the year, including two against Ferris State in the WCHA First Round Playoffs. He allowed two goals or less in 19 of 29 games played and tallied 673 saves and just 62 goals against whilst he also marked two assists on the season whilst he was stater in 26 of his 29 games played.



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Into his Junior year in season 2018-19 and he was named to All-WCHA Third Team and voted WCHA Goaltender of the Month for October. Once again he was awarded WCHA Goaltender of the Week honours twice during the season and appeared in 32 games on the season for 1966:52 minutes. He posted a record of 20-8-4 and there was a career-high performance of 40 saves in game two of the WCHA Semifinals at Northern Michigan and again in the Falcons' NCAA Midwest Regional against Minnesota Duluth. He posted the lowest goals-against-average in a single season in program history of 1.77 and the second best save percentage of .927 over his 32 starts. Making 741 saves he allowed the fewest goals in a single season with just 58 and became the then programme leader in career goals-against-average at 2.06 and rose from third to second all-time in save percentage .918. He recorded three shutouts on the season bringing his career total up to seven (tied for second all-time in shutouts).

Late that season in an interview we got to know more about the up and coming goalie. Ryan had barely begun grade school when he was first invited to the pond. Growing up, Bednard was part of an extended hockey family in Macomb County, Michigan. His older brother Shane and their cousins, among others, gathered as often as possible at a frozen pond near their homes to engage in impromptu hockey games. The young Bednard was eager to participate in this practice of the sport in arguably its purest form, but the older ones had a designated place for him on the ice. "They usually stuck me at goalie, but I was very happy just being out there with my brother, cousins and friends playing hockey outdoors like that," Bednard recalled. "From there, I decided to stick with playing goaltender because I grew to love the challenge, competition and pressure that comes with it—very rewarding. Plus, you are always on the ice." When it came to an organised setting, Bedard actually began playing roller hockey first before joining his first ice hockey team at about age 7. He's been guarding goals ever since. "Things ended up working out for me," he said. Indeed, they had. "With his overall approach to the game combined with how he wraps himself in a lifestyle that is conducive to success, Ryan is like a professional at the college level," Bowling Green coach Chris Bergeron said. "When he started here, Ryan's gaps between his good days and bad days could be wide, but now they are much smaller as he has done all the work on and off the ice and during the season and offseason to become a really consistent performer. You are seeing the results." Bednard was one of 20 goalies on the watch list for the Mike Richter Award and was enjoying his finest season with the Falcons. Typical of Bednard's personality, he was quick to credit teammates for his improvement. "The team has improved over last year, especially at the defensive end," said Bednard, who established himself as the team's No. 1 goalie two months into last season. "I have to give a lot of credit to the guys playing in front of me, who are stepping up. Also, this is my third year and I've taken everything I've learned so far and used it to improve. Using video to break down my play also helps." The entire Bowling Green defence, including backup goaltender Eric Dop, have stepped up their play and more. In fact, the Falcons boasted the nation's No. 1 scoring defence, giving up just 1.83 goals a game, down from 2.44 a year ago. They were also fourth in penalty-kill percentage (.876), up from .824 last season. Bergeron was quick to point out that all the initiative Bednard takes to elevate his game must not be overlooked. "It's hard to predict how a good a kid is going to be at this level because so much does depend on their desire to put in the work, and Ryan has made a great commitment to doing everything he needs to away from the rink," Bergeron said. "Also, he is a big guy (6-foot-5, 205 pounds) and uses that to his advantage and stays really calm. Ryan does not get rattled or let his emotions run too high or too low. He is putting it all together now and becoming the player we thought he could be." No other starting DI goaltender is taller than Bednard, although Boston University's Jake Oettinger is also 6-foot-5. "I've learned how to use size to my advantage to cut off net," he said. "I've heard the knock on bigger goalies is their skating ability, but I've worked to be an efficient skater. Overall, I've stayed at Bowling Green during the summers, hitting the ice three times a week and working with a trainer. I've always looked for anything that can give me an advantage." Bednard is unbeaten (5-0-1) against teams currently ranked in U.S. College Hockey's Top 20 poll, including a sweep of sixth-ranked WCHA leader Minnesota State in December during which he allowed just two goals in two games. The Mavericks entered the series averaging 4.4 goals per game. The healthy competition between Bednard and Dop has also played a role in his success. They formed one of the country's best goaltending tandems. Dop, a sophomore, had gone 5-3-1 this season, including three shutouts, with a 2.07 gaa and .919 saves percentage. "Eric is a great goalie and we are pretty good friends off the ice," Bednard said. "In practice, we help each other improve and bring out the best in each other." The pair

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actually platooned to start last season following the graduation of Nell, who held Bowling Green's career records for gaa (2.07), saves percentage (.922) and shutouts (11). Bednard became the team's No. 1 goalie in December, but Dop was still named to the WCHA All-Rookie team. "I agree they make each other better and have developed a healthy rivalry during mini-games in practice," Bergeron said. "They also room together on the road and have a good bond. They are both wired for success." Ryan and his older brother Shane were in their third and final season as Bowling Green teammates. Shane, a senior forward, committed to the Falcons in February 2014 followed by Ryan eight months later. "This is only time we've been teammates, so it's been pretty special," Ryan said. "It helps being able to be there for each other and talk about what's going on with hockey and other things in life. We were not planning to play college hockey together, but it worked out." Just eight months after committing to Bowling Green, the Panthers drafted Bednard in the seventh round. He was the sixth American goaltender taken. "Going into that draft, I figured there was a 50/50 chance I'd be taken," Bednard said. "I tried to keep up with what was going in, but didn't know I was drafted until I started getting a bunch of texts on my phone congratulating me. It was just a great thing to share with my family." Bednard had already been to three development camps with the Panthers and was attending a fourth that summer. "Those are such great opportunities to learn because you are surrounded by so many great players and coaches," Bednard said. "You get a good sense of what it will take to play at that level one day."

That spring the Florida Panthers shored up in an area where they lacked serious depth by adding another goaltender to their prospect pipelines when they announced that they had agreed to terms with Bednard on a two-year, entry-level contract, worth \$925K annually. Florida Panthers GM Dale Tallon had this to say about the 22-year-old: "Ryan is a big, athletic, young goaltender who had an excellent year for Bowling Green. Among some of the top goaltenders in college hockey this season, Ryan showed tremendous growth. He adds further depth to our organization at the goaltending position and we look forward to him continuing his development with the Florida Panthers." Standing at 6'5", 201 lbs, Bednard now had the chance to prove himself and grow his game over in the AHL with the Panthers' minor league affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds.

In 2019 he played games in the preseason with the Florida Panthers before heading to the American League with the Springfield Thunderbirds. Over the next five years which was punctuated with the pandemic Ryan played the majority of his game over four of these seasons for the ECHL's Greenville Swamp Rabbits.



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In his final season with the Rabbits under Head Coach Andrew Lord Bednard banked a record-setting seventh shutout as the white hot Greenville team extended their win streak against State rivals the Atlanta Gladiators. Winners of seven straight with nine wins in their past 10 games, the Swamp Rabbits, with a strong +20 GF/GA differential and a lean 147 accrued penalty minutes across 16 games, sat atop the Eastern Conference with 28 points. In the 5-0 rout of the struggling Atlanta Gladiators (4-6 in their last 10 after an eight-game win streak to start the season), goaltender Ryan Bednard made franchise history as the first Greenville goaltender to earn seven shutouts. Bednard made his pro debut with the Swamp Rabbits in 2019-20, suiting up for 24 games with the club, finishing with a 2.99 GAA and .908 SP and one shutout, in a season where he played eight games with the AHL's Springfield Thunderbirds. Bouncing around between the ECHL and AHL in subsequent seasons with stints with the ECHL's South Carolina Stingrays and Wheeling Nailers, Bednard would earn another five shutouts with the Swamp Rabbits ahead his record-setter; four in 2020-21, and one in 2022-23. Later that season Bednard would also collect a further accolade for his consistent performances. Being an All-Star can be a lot of fun, but being a goaltender in one, well, that could be a different story, "Ya, it's a great accomplishment; it's my fifth year, a lot of it goes to my team for supporting me back there, so I'm pretty proud of it" said Bednard but he mentioned it was a bit of change for him "It's a little different for sure, wasn't really sure what to expect because it was my first one but it was a fun experience" Bednard said after the ECHL All-Star Game where the All-Stars took down the Savannah Ghost Pirates 18-11, in a game where Bednard stopped 12 of 14 in the extended 24 minute period he played in. Bednard continued to be a crucial part of the Greenville Swamp Rabbits as they held the top spot in the conference heading into the All-Star Break but then found themselves in second behind the Adirondack Thunder, "Ya, it's big, we have a great team, a lot of returners from last year so we just gotta try and keep it going here" said Bednard on the team's first-half performance. A big part of the Swamp Rabbits' success had been the ex-Cardiff Devil Andrew Lord, who was in his second season as Head Coach with Greenville, "He's been awesome; I've been with him for three years now; he's one of my favorite coaches, and he's great" said Bednard about his head coach. When asked about what catches his eye about Lord, Bednard mentioned his passion for the game, "The first thing I noticed was his passion every day has been awesome, and it's helped our team a lot." and also talked about how it helps having a coach who has been in both the player and coach role, "Ya, I think that helps a ton, too, as a player and a coach, it's been great."













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To summarise his career in the minors Bednard first joined the ranks during the 2019–20 season for the Springfield Thunderbirds of the AHL, he played just eight games with a recorded 3.28 GAA and .899 SV% and was then sent down to play his first season for the Swamp Rabbits. In the following season he would play two games for the Syracuse Crunch (Tampa Bay Lightning AHL Affiliate), performing with a higher 2.61 and .915, before getting sent back down to Greenville, where he finished out the season by playing 35 games (2.43GAA / .917SV%). He was still a Florida Panthers prospect during that time. For the 2021-22 season he got a one-game call-up to the Hershey Bears (4.12 GAA and .882 SV%) and then finished out that season with the South Carolina Stingrays, playing 35 games (3.10 GAA and .900 SV%). During that season, he was a prospect for the Washington Capitals. In the 2022-23 season, Bednard switched teams multiple times, as he played four games for the Wheeling Nailers (ECHL), five for the Grand Rapids Griffins, zero for the Abbotsford Canucks, and one for the Belleville Senators (AHL). During that season, however, Bednard was traded back to where his professional ECHL career began: Greenville. He received two AHL call-ups: the first from the Griffins and the other from the Abbotsford Canucks. During his time with the Griffins, Bednard earned one win with a 1.67 GAA and a .946 save percentage. From his one and only game for Belleville, he won it in OT with a 3.74 GAA and .875 save percentage. He won two games and posted a 2.06 GAA and .936 save percentage for the Nailers. He also played 20 games for the Swamp Rabbits, recording a 2.81 GAA and .913 save percentage, along with six 2023 Kelly Cup Playoff games against Jacksonville. For his last season in North America, Bednard signed a one-year AHL deal with the Ontario Reign and a one-year extension with the Swamp Rabbits and the veteran ECHL Goalie would get crowned with multiple Warrior Hockey Awards, including ECHL Goaltender of The Month for November 2023 and January 2024 as well as the aforementioned ECHL All-Star appearance. Bednard experienced highs and lows in performance during the season and was mainly rotated around backup to primary goaltender as he competed for games with Jacob Ingham. He played 33 games for the Rabbits during that season, earning 20 wins with a 2.91 and .911 and making 1000 saves. Greenville missed the Kelly Cup Playoffs and he was called up by the Reign to be the backup goaltender during and prior to the Calder Cup Playoffs. In total, he played 112 games for Greenville, winning 61, and played one for Ontario, winning it with a 3.00 GAA and .889 Save Percentage. As for his totals in the ECHL, Bednard played 151 games (2.82 GAA and .910 SV%) with a 77-57-13 W-L-T record. In the AHL, he played 18 games with a 2.84 GAA and .910 SV%, and a record of 7-7-1.



LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	40	40	39	43	40	40	39	37	38	38
Challenge Cup Games	12	10	10	12	12	12	10	10	10	10
League Games	28	30	29	31	28	28	29	27	28	28
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	7-1 v Flyers	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	7
Longest Loss Streak	2	2	4	8	13	4	4	6	3	4
Current Streak	2 Wins	3 Wins	1 Win	1 Loss	13 Losses	1 Win	1 Loss	2 Losses	1 Win	7 Wins
Fastest Goal	00:39	00:50	00:18	01:08	01:32	00:08	00:21	00:25	00:56	00:14
Shut Out For	7	2	1	1	0	1	2	0	3	3
Shut Out Against	0	0	4	2	6	2	2	2	1	1
Empty Net Goals For	7	5	5	4	1	6	4	5	5	10
Empty Net Goals Against	5	5	2	7	7	11	3	4	5	2
Penalty Shots Scored	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Penalty Shots Conceded	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	128	134	113	107	75	106	96	101	120	121
Powerplay	29	25	33	21	18	19	20	23	28	21
Even Strength	95	107	74	84	57	80	73	76	90	96
Shorthanded	4	2	6	2	0	7	3	2	2	4
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	26	15	13	17	9	16	19	13	5	28
Powerplay	2	2	1	5	4	4	5	4	0	6
Even Strength	24	12	10	12	5	10	13	9	5	22
Shorthanded	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	77	95	99	143	177	113	109	128	84	86
Penalty Kill	20	18	25	22	28	30	25	32	15	17
Even Strength	55	76	70	115	147	80	81	90	64	69
Shorthanded	2	1	4	6	2	3	3	6	5	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	13	7	21	19	24	17	14	20	12	13
Penalty Kill	3	2	4	2	5	3	5	4	3	2
Even Strength	10	5	16	17	17	12	9	16	9	10
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Goals Scored Period 1	50	36	31	44	28	31	30	37	46	43
Goals Scored Period 2	47	58	42	39	29	41	40	44	38	49
Goals Scored Period 3	53	56	52	38	26	50	44	29	38	57
Goals Scored OT/SO	4	0	4	3	1	2	2	3	5	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	154	150	129	124	84	124	116	113	127	152
Goals Scored Per Game	3.85	3.75	3.31	2.88	2.10	3.10	2.97	3.05	3.34	4.00
Goals Conceded Period 1	29	33	43	49	66	28	39	42	19	36
Goals Conceded Period 2	27	30	37	57	66	41	46	62	38	32
Goals Conceded Period 3	30	36	38	54	68	61	39	46	39	29
Goals Conceded OT/SO	4	3	4	3	3	1	3	2	2	2
TOTAL Goals Conceded	90	102	122	163	203	131	127	152	98	99
Goals Against Per Game	2.25	2.55	3.13	3.79	5.08	3.28	3.26	4.11	2.58	2.61
Shots For P1	574	503	404	461	407	489	423	394	418	421
Shots For P2	548	504	444	503	378	503	418	381	400	458
Shots For P3	535	463	413	472	324	429	353	404	357	439
Shots For OT	14	3	20	12	6	1	15	8	15	11
TOTAL Shots For	1671	1473	1281	1448	1115	1422	1209	1187	1190	1329
Shots for Per Game	41.78	36.83	32.85	33.67	27.88	35.55	31.00	32.08	31.32	34.97
Shots Against P1	327	414	502	538	556	414	414	449	412	441
Shots Against P2	384	435	455	543	596	421	440	459	415	362
Shots Against P3	394	406	400	458	530	398	401	397	419	335
Shots Against OT	14	10	17	15	12	3	6	7	14	12
TOTAL Shots Against	1119	1265	1374	1554	1694	1236	1261	1312	1260	1150
Shots Against Per Game	27.98	31.63	35.23	36.14	42.35	30.90	32.33	35.46	33.16	30.26

League & Cup games played as at 13/01/2025

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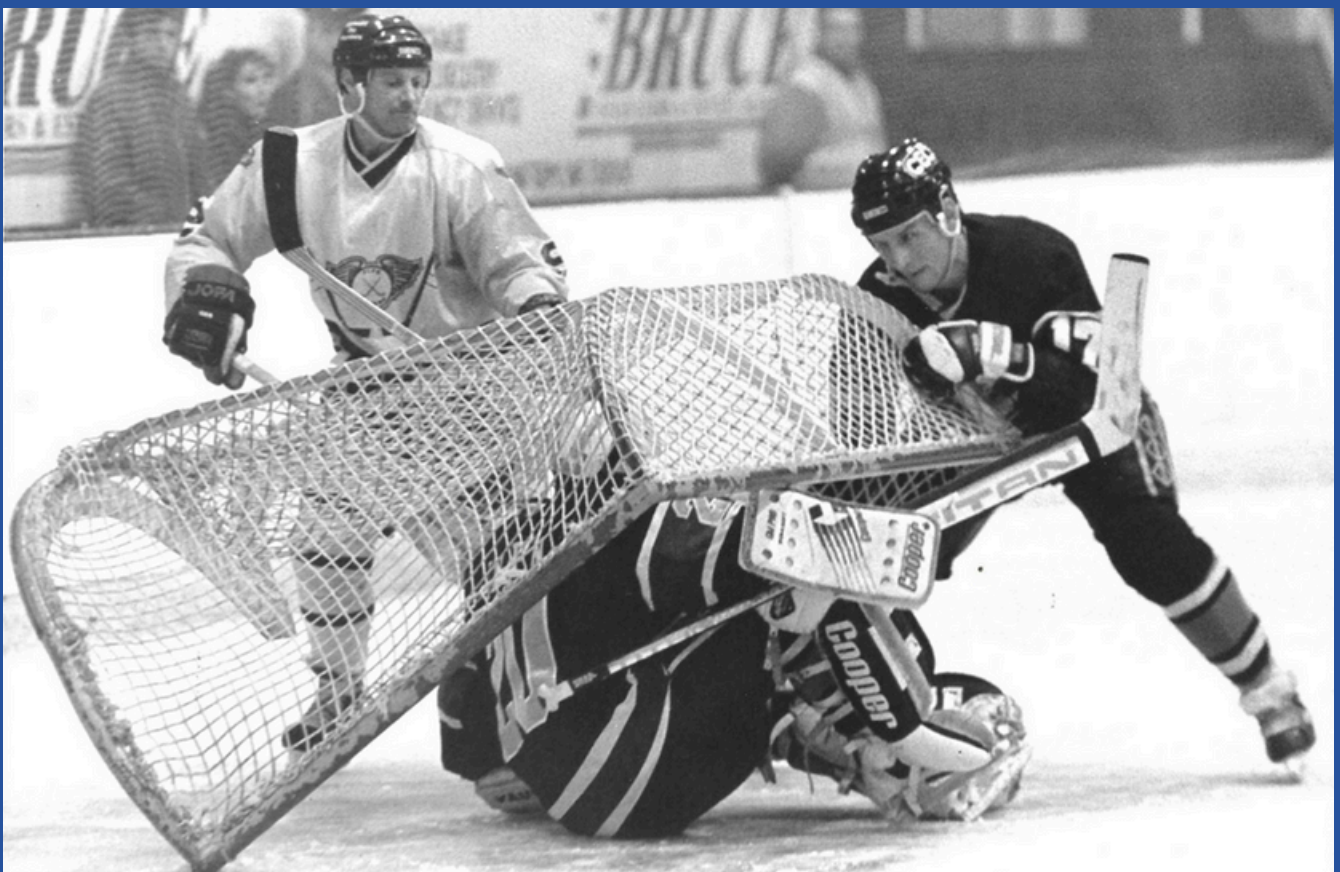


FIRST AND LAST HUMBERSIDE HAWKS

At the beginning of 1993/94 season the team previously known as Humberside Seahawks secured sponsorship from British Aerospace and would play the next three seasons as Humberside Hawks. They would compete with Flyers in the Premier Division of the British League and in Hawks' lifespan the teams would play each other sixteen times, twelve in league play and four times in play-offs.

Flyers' first game against the newly named Hawks was on 09/10/93 at Kirkcaldy in the league. The match programme didn't reflect the name change though and Flyers' opposition were referred to as Seahawks. Flyers' season had started poorly with two draws and five defeats in their first seven starts.

A 4-0 win at Nottingham on 03/10/93 gave the team and fans some hope for the visit of the Hull side. In Hawks' line-up that evening was Mike Bishop, who briefly turned out for Flyers in 2002/03 and the big defenceman was unable to prevent Flyers taking the lead at 2-1 to keep up the previous weekends impetus as Ally Reid struck first, quickly followed by another from Steven King less than two minutes later. Hawks pulled one back early in the second period, but two Mark Morrison powerplay goals before the end of 40 minutes saw Flyers well in control of the game. The shots on goal, 25-13 in Flyers favour reflected Flyers' dominance in the first two periods. Flyers continued in the third as they had left off as Ryan Kummu and Doug Smail scored two in a minute to stretch the lead to 6-1. Morrison netted his hat-trick marker and Bobby Haig completed the scoring with 38 seconds remaining as Flyers recorded a convincing 8-1 win.



The rest of the 1993/94 season can be considered fairly successful for Flyers against the Hawks. A 6-3 home win in the league and a 13-3 hammering of Humberside in the play-offs, two 5-5 draws, one in each competition, meant that a 3-5 reversal at Hull on 06/02/94 was the only game that season that Flyers failed to pick up at least a point against the Hawks.

1994/95 was a bit more even as Flyers and Hawks shared the spoils with each club winning three games against the other. Flyers won 14-4 at home and 12-4 in the league, but lost one at home, 6-7 on 14/01/95 and one at Hull a 1-8 defeat three weeks later. Another convincing win at home for Flyers in the play-offs, 10-4 was counteracted with a 4-8 loss at Hull and resulted in neither Flyers or Hawks qualifying for the

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Wembley Championship weekend. Flyers finished third in the play-off group and Hawks ended up fourth, which meant Nottingham and Sheffield advanced to Wembley.

Season 1995/96 was the last one that Hull's senior team played under the name Humberside Hawks and it was the Hull team that had the upper hand over Flyers, winning the first match up 13-5 on 08/10/95 in Hull and just over a month later 8-3, also on Humberside. The first meeting of the teams at Kirkcaldy was two days before New Year and once again Hawks overcame Flyers, this time by a 8-6 score.

The last meeting of the season and the final contest ever between Flyers and Humberside Hawks took place at Kirkcaldy on Sunday 11/02/96, the second game of a home double header in front of a crowd of 1475. Flyers came into the game having won three and drawn two of their eleven games since the last meeting between the sides. A win was a priority for Flyers, who were hoping to keep up the momentum of a 16-6 win in the first game of the weekend.

It took Flyers only 8.55 to get their opener on the powerplay as Hawks had taken four minor penalties in the first eight minutes, a trend that would continue all game. Kevin St. Jacques first period goal was the only one from 17 shots in the opening 20 minutes as Hawks racked up 28 minutes in penalties to Flyers' two.

The second period was played in a similar vein as Hawks lost import Ian Pound on a second ten minute misconduct of the game and Bruce Bell on what the Fife Free Press described as a "fairly soft spearing call". A five plus game penalty was what referee Simpson deemed to be the correct call, leaving Hawks short-handed. Flyers punished Hawks with goals from Morrison, the game winner, a short hander from Morris on Flyers' only penalty of the period, and powerplay tallies from St. Jacques, Robertson and Frank Evans.



Humberside pulled one back late on in the period, a short hander from Norman Pinnington. Evans got his second powerplay marker in the third and St. Jacques completed his hat-trick with just over 2-1/2 minutes to go for a resounding 8-1 victory. Flyers outshot their opponents 54-20 as Mr Simpson left the rink somewhat out of favour with Hawks' team and fans. In Hawks' line-up that night were Mike Bishop once again and former Flyer Darcy Cahill. By the end of April 1996 Humberside Hawks were no more and the next incarnation of senior hockey in Hull was Kingston Hawks.

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We now continue our look at the section of the rulebook dealing with Game Flow which is covered by Rules 76 to 87. In Part 2 rules 79 to 83

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

RULE 79 HAND PASS

79.1 HAND PASS

A Player shall be permitted to stop or “bat” a puck in the air with their open hand, or push it along the ice with their hand, and the play shall not be stopped unless, in the opinion of the On-ice Officials, they have directed the puck to a Teammate, or have allowed their Team to gain an advantage, and subsequently possession and control of the puck is obtained by a Player of the offending Team, either directly or deflected off any Player or official. For violations related to “closing their hand on the puck”, refer to Handling Puck: Rule 67 – Handling Puck.

79.2 DEFENDING ZONE

Play will not be stopped for any hand pass by Players in their own Defending Zone. The location of the puck when contacted by either the Player making the hand pass or the Player receiving the hand pass shall determine the zone it is in.

79.3 FACE-OFF LOCATION

When a hand pass violation has occurred, the ensuing “face-off” shall take place at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where the offense occurred, unless the offending Team gains a territorial advantage, then the “face-off” shall be at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where the stoppage of play occurred, unless otherwise covered in the rules. When a hand pass violation occurs by a Team in their Attacking Zone, the ensuing “face-off” shall be conducted at one of the Face-off Spots outside the defending Team’s Blue Line in the Neutral Zone.

RULE 80 HIGH-STICKING THE PUCK

80.1 HIGH-STICKING THE PUCK

Batting the puck above the normal height of the shoulders with a stick is prohibited. When a puck is struck with a “high stick” and subsequently comes into the “possession and control” of a Player from the offending Team (including the Player who made contact with the puck), either directly or deflected off any Player or official, there shall be a whistle. When a puck has been contacted by a “high stick”, the play shall be permitted to continue, provided that:

(I) The puck has been batted to an opponent (when a Player bats the puck to an opponent, the Referee shall give the “washout” signal immediately – otherwise, they will stop the play).

(II) A Player of the defending side shall bat the puck into their own goal in which case the goal shall be allowed.

Cradling the puck on the blade of the stick (“lacrosse style”) above the normal height of the shoulders shall be prohibited and a stoppage of play shall result. If this is done by a Player on a “Penalty Shot” or Shootout attempt, the shot shall be stopped immediately and considered complete. Rule 60 – High-sticking.

80.2 FACE-OFF LOCATION

When the play is stopped for the “high-sticking the puck” violation, the ensuing “face-off” must take place at the spot that provides the least amount of “territorial advantage” to the Team striking the puck, either where the puck was contacted illegally, or where it was last played by the offending Team. If the attacking Team is at fault and the play is stopped while the puck is in the Attacking Zone, the ensuing “face-off” must be moved to the nearest Face-off Spot in the Neutral Zone.

80.3 DISALLOWED GOAL

When an attacking Player causes the puck to enter the opponent’s goal by contacting the puck above the height of the crossbar, either directly or deflected off any Player or official, the goal shall not be allowed. The determining factor is where the puck makes contact with the stick. If the puck makes contact with the stick at or below the level of the crossbar and enters the goal, this goal shall be allowed. A goal scored as a result of a defending Player striking the puck with their stick carried above the height of the crossbar of the goal frame into their own goal shall be allowed.



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RULE 81 ICING

81.1 ICING

For the purpose of this rule, the center red line will divide the ice into halves. Should any Player of a Team, equal or superior in "numerical strength" (power-play) to the opposing Team, shoot, bat or deflect the puck from their own half of the ice beyond the Goal Line of the opposing Team, play shall be stopped. For the purpose of deflected pucks, this only applies when the puck was originally propelled down the ice by the offending Team. For the purpose of this rule, the point of last contact with the puck by the Team in possession shall be used to determine whether icing has occurred or not. As such, the Team in possession must "gain the line" in order for the icing to be nullified. "Gaining the line" shall mean that the puck, while on the Player's stick (not the Player's skate) must make contact with the center red line in order to nullify a potential icing. For the purpose of interpretation of the rule, there are two judgments required for "icing the puck". The Linesperson must first determine that the puck will cross the Goal Line. Once the Linesperson determines that the puck will cross the Goal Line, "icing" is completed upon the determination as to which Player (attacking or defending) would first touch the puck. This decision by the Linesperson will be made by no later than the instant the first Player reaches the End Zone "face-off" dots with the Player's skate being the determining factor. Should the puck be shot down the ice in such a manner that it travels around the Boards and/or back towards the End Zone "face-off" dots, the same procedure shall be in effect in that the Linesperson shall determine within a similar distance as to who will have touched the puck first. For clarification, the determining factor is which Player would first touch the puck, not which Player would first reach the End Zone "face-off" dots. If the "race for the puck" is too close to determine by the time the first Player reaches the End Zone "face-off" dots, "icing" shall be called. The puck striking or deflecting off an Official does not automatically nullify a potential "icing". If there is no "race" for the puck, icing will be not called until a defending skater crosses its defending blue line and the puck crosses the goal line (not between the goal posts).

81.2 ICING – FACE-OFF LOCATION

Following an "icing", the attacking Team will have the choice of which End Zone dot the "face-off" will take place. If, in the opinion of the Referee, the defending side intentionally abstains from playing the puck 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. If the Linesperson shall have erred in calling an "icing the puck" infraction (regardless of whether either Team is "short-handed"), the puck shall be "faced-off" on the Center ice Face-off Spot.

81.3 GOALKEEPER

If, in the opinion of the Linesperson, the Goalkeeper feigns playing the puck, attempts to play the puck, or skates in the direction of the puck on an icing at any time, the "potential icing" shall not be called, and play shall continue. If, however, a Goalkeeper is legitimately out of the crease in an attempt to go to the Players' Bench to be substituted for an extra attacker and in no way makes an attempt to play the puck, the "icing" should not be nullified under this section. If the Goalkeeper is out of their crease prior to the shot being taken, and simply retreats to their crease making no attempt to play the puck or feign playing the puck, the "potential icing" shall remain in effect.

81.4 LINE CHANGE ON ICING

A Team that is in violation of this rule shall not be permitted to make any Player substitutions prior to the ensuing "face-off". However, a Team shall be permitted to make a Player substitution to replace a Goalkeeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, to replace an injured Player, a Player with a broken skate, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the on-ice strength of either Team. The determination of Players on ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending Player's stick.

81.5 NO ICING

When the puck is shot and rebounds from the body or stick of an opponent in their own half of the ice so as to cross the Goal Line of the Player shooting, it shall not be considered "icing". When a puck is shot by a Team from their own half of the ice and is deflected several times before crossing the center red line, icing shall be nullified if at least one of these deflections was off an opposing Player. If the puck shall go beyond the Goal Line in the opposite half of the ice directly from either of the Players while facing-off, it shall not be considered a violation of this rule. If, in the opinion of the Linesperson, any Player (other than the Goalkeeper) of the opposing Team is able to play the puck before it passes their Goal Line, but has not done



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so, play shall continue and the “icing” violation shall not be called. This includes the situation whereby the opposing Team, while in the process of making Player substitutions during the play, are able to play the puck, but choose not to do so to avoid being called for “too many Players on the ice”. “Icing” should not be called. If the puck touches any part of a Player of the opposing side, including their skates or their stick, or if it touches any part of the opposing Team’s Goalkeeper, including their skates or their stick, at any time before or after crossing the Goal Line, it shall not be considered “icing”. If a Goalkeeper takes any action to dislodge the puck from the back of the net, “icing” shall not be called.

81.6 ICING - NUMERICAL STRENGTH

If the puck was so shot by a Player of a side below the numerical strength of the opposing Team, play shall continue, and the “icing” violation shall not be called. When a Team is “short-handed” as the result of a penalty and the penalty is about to expire, the decision as to whether there has been an “icing” shall be determined at the instant the penalty expires. Should the puck be released from the stick of the Player shooting the puck down the ice prior to the penalty expiring, the “icing” infraction shall not apply. The action of the penalized Player remaining in the Penalty Box will not alter the ruling.

RULE 82 LINE CHANGES

82.1 LINE CHANGE

Following the stoppage of play, the visiting Team shall promptly place a line-up on the ice ready for play and no substitution shall be made from that time until play has been resumed. The Home Team may then make any desired substitution, except in cases following an “icing”, which does not result in the delay of the game. “Placing a line-up on the ice” shall mean that both Teams shall place the full complement of Players (and not exceed) to which they are entitled within the line change time frame. If there is any undue delay by either Team in changing Players, the Referee shall order the offending Team or Teams to take their positions immediately and not permit any further Player changes. When a substitution has been made under the above rule, no additional substitution may be made until play commences. Once the line change procedure has been completed, no additional Player substitutions shall be permitted until the “face-off” has been completed legally and play has resumed, except when a penalty or penalties are imposed that affect the “on-ice strength” of either or both Teams. This may include penalties imposed following the completion of the line change and prior to the “face-off”, or due to a penalty assessed for a “face-off” violation – refer to Rule 82.2 – Line Change – Procedure. A Team that is in violation of Rule 63.8 – Delaying the Game or Rule 81 – Icing, shall not be permitted to make any Player substitutions prior to the ensuing “face-off”. However, a Team shall be permitted to make a Player substitution to replace a Goal keeper who had been substituted for an extra attacker, to replace an injured Player, or when a penalty has been assessed which affects the “on-ice strength” of either Team. The determination of Players on ice will be made when the puck leaves the offending Player’s stick. Goalkeepers’ substitution during a game will be conducted within the same time frame as a regular line change. No extra time will be allotted to the Goalkeeper coming off the bench, except in the case where an injury to a Goalkeeper occurs.

82.2 LINE CHANGE – PROCEDURE

Following a stoppage of play, the Referee will enforce the following line change procedure once they have determined that this procedure may begin:

- (I) The Referee shall give the visiting Team up to five (5) seconds to make its line change.
- (II) The Referee shall raise their hand to indicate no further changes by the visiting Team and to commence the Home Team’s line change.
- (III) The Referee shall give the Home Team up to eight (8) seconds to make its line change.
- (IV) The Referee shall lower their hand to indicate no further changes by the Home Team.
- (V) Any attempt by the either Team to make a change after the Referee’s signal, attempt to place too many Players on the ice for the subsequent line change, or attempt to make additional personnel changes, shall not be permitted and the Referee will send the Players who have attempted to change back to their Players’ Bench. The Referee will then issue a warning to the offending Team (through the Coach) indicating that any subsequent violations during the rest of the game (including Overtime), shall result in a Bench Minor Penalty for “delaying the game”. This penalty shall be announced as a “Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” – Improper Line Change.”



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(VI) The Linesperson conducting the “face-off” will blow their whistle (once the Referee has lowered their hand for the line changes) to indicate that all Players must be in position and on-side for the “face-off” within five (5) seconds. The “face off” will then be conducted Rule 76 – Face-offs.

(VII) Players who are slow (after the five-second warning whistle given by the Linesperson) getting to the “face-off” location or who are in an off-side position for the ensuing “face-off” will be warned once in the game by the Referee. This warning will also be given to the offending Team’s Coach. In this situation, the offending Team’s center is not ejected from the “face-off”. Any subsequent violation shall result in a Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” being assessed to the offending Team.

(VIII) In the last two (2) minutes of regulation time and any time in the Overtime period(s), points (vi) and (vii) above are not applicable. The Linesperson shall give the Teams a reasonable amount of time to set up for the ensuing “face-off” after points (i) through (v) above have been enforced.

82.3 LINE CHANGE – BENCH MINOR PENALTY

The Home Team is entitled to “last change”. This means the visiting Coach must put their Players out on the ice first, after which time the home Coach must do so. If either Team does not make its changes promptly, the Referee will not permit the change. Failure by either Team to comply, or tardiness to comply, or deliberate error in complying with this rule will result first in a warning from the Referee and then a Bench Minor Penalty shall be assessed for “Delay of Game”. Players must proceed directly to the location of the “face-off” to participate in the ensuing “face-off”. Any attempts to delay the game by stalling or otherwise unnecessary actions by either Team shall result in the assessment of a Bench Minor Penalty for “delaying the game”. This penalty shall be announced as a “Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” – Slow Proceeding to “Face off Location (or Slow Proceeding to Players’ Bench).” During the play, if a Player wishes to retire from the ice and be replaced by a substitute, they 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.

RULE 83 OFF-SIDE

83.1 OFF-SIDE

Players of the attacking Team must not precede the puck into the Attacking Zone. The position of the Player’s skates and not that of their stick shall be the determining factor in all instances in deciding an “off-side”. A Player is “off-side” when both skates are completely over the leading edge of the Blue Line involved in the play. A Player is on-side when either of their skates are in contact with the Blue Line, or on their “own side” of the line, at the instant the puck completely crosses the leading edge of the Blue Line. On their “own side” of the line shall be defined by a “plane” of the Blue Line which shall extend from the leading edge of the Blue Line upwards. If a Player’s skate has yet to “break the plane” prior to the puck completely crossing the leading edge, they are deemed to be “on-side” for the purpose of the “off-side” rule. If, during a delayed off-side, an attacking player in the attacking zone elects to proceed to his players’ bench (which extends into the attacking zone) to be replaced by a teammate, he shall be considered to have cleared the zone when both skates are off the ice and the Linesperson judges him to have left the playing surface. A Player controlling the puck who shall cross the line ahead of the puck shall not be considered “off-side,” provided they have “possession and control” of the puck prior to their skates crossing the leading edge of the Blue Line. It should be noted that while the position of the Player’s skates is what determines whether a Player is “off-side,” nevertheless the question of an “off-side” never arises until the puck has completely crossed the leading edge of the Blue Line at which time the decision is to be made. If a Player legally carries, passes, or plays the puck back into their own Defending Zone while a Player of the opposing Team is in such Defending Zone, the “off-side” shall be ignored, and play permitted to continue.

83.2 OFF-SIDE – DEFLECTIONS / REBOUNDS

For the purposes of this section, it is stipulated that an attacking Player has preceded the puck into the Attacking Zone. When a defending Player propels the puck out of their Defending Zone and the puck clearly rebounds off a defending Player in the Neutral Zone back into the Defending Zone, all attacking Players are eligible to play the puck. However, any action by an attacking Player that causes a “deflection/rebound” off a defending Player in the Neutral Zone back into the Defending Zone (i.e. stick check, body check, physical contact), a “Delayed Off-side” shall be signalled by the Linesperson. A puck that deflects back into the Defending Zone off an Official who is in the Neutral Zone will be “off-side” (or “Delayed Off-side”, as appropriate). A puck which deflects off an attacking Player outside the Blue Line into the Attacking Zone,



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regardless of who originally propelled it or where it was propelled from, shall be ruled “off-side” or “Delayed Off-side”, as appropriate. A puck which is propelled by the attacking Team and deflects off any Player into the Attacking Zone” shall be ruled “off-side” or “Delayed Off-side”, as appropriate.

83.3 DELAYED OFF-SIDE

A situation where an attacking Player (or Players) has (have) preceded the puck across the attacking Blue Line, but the defending Team is in a position to bring the puck back out of its Defending Zone without any delay or contact with an attacking Player or the attacking Players are in the process of clearing the Attacking Zone. If an “off-side” call is delayed, the Linesperson shall drop their arm to nullify the “off-side” violation and allow play to continue if:

(I) All Players of the offending Team clear the zone at the same instant (skate contact with the Blue Line, “3D” judgement is not used in this situation) permitting the attacking Players to re-enter the Attacking Zone, (II) or the defending Team passes or carries the puck into the Neutral Zone.

If, during the course of the “Delayed Off-side”, any member of the attacking Team touches the puck, attempts to “gain possession of a loose puck”, forces the defending puck carrier further back into their own zone, or who is about to make physical contact with the defending puck carrier, the Linesperson shall stop play for the “off-side” violation. If, during a “Delayed Off-side”, an attacking Player in the Attacking Zone elects to proceed to their Players’ Bench (which extends into the Attacking Zone) to be replaced by a Teammate, they shall be considered to have cleared the zone when both skates are off the ice and the Linesperson judges them to have left the playing surface. If their replacement comes onto the ice in the Attacking Zone, while the “Delayed Off-side” is still in effect, they too must clear the Attacking Zone. Once all attacking Players have cleared the Attacking Zone and the Linesperson have lowered their arm for the “Delayed Off-side”, all attacking Players may legally enter the Attacking Zone and pursue the puck.

83.4 DISALLOWED GOAL – OFF-SIDE

If the puck is shot into the Attacking Zone creating a “Delayed Off-side”, the play shall be allowed to continue under the normal “clearing-the-zone” rules. Should the puck, as a result of this shot, enter the defending Team’s goal, either directly or off the Goalkeeper, a Player, the Boards, the glass, a piece of equipment or an official on the ice, the goal shall be disallowed as the original shot was “off side”. The fact that the attacking Team may have “cleared the zone” prior to the puck entering the goal has no bearing on this ruling. The “face-off” will be conducted at the Face-off Spot in the zone closest to the point of origin of the shot that gives the offending Team the least amount of “territorial advantage”. The only way an attacking Team can score a goal on a “Delayed Off-side” situation is if the defending Team shoots or puts the puck into their own net without action or contact by the offending Team. Other than in situations involving a “Delayed Off-side” and the puck entering the goal or a successful Coach’s Challenge, no goal can be disallowed after the fact for an “off-side” violation, except for the human factor involved in blowing the whistle. Rule 38 – Coach’s Challenge.

83.5 COACH’S CHALLENGE – OFF-SIDE

Rule 38 – Coach’s Challenge.

83.6 FACE-OFF LOCATION – OFF-SIDE

For violation of this rule, the play is stopped and the puck shall be “faced-off” in the Neutral Zone at the Face-off Spot nearest the Attacking Zone of the offending Team when the violation occurs as a result of the attacking Team carrying the puck over the attacking Blue Line, or from the Face-off Spot in the zone closest to the point of origin of the shot or pass (even if deflected off an attacking or defending Player or an official). For every “Delayed Off-side” situation, including an “intentional off-side”, the Linesperson will raise their non-whistle arm. They will allow play to continue and, if a stoppage of play occurs, there will be four possible “face-off” locations:

- (I) If carried over the Blue Line – “face-off” outside the Blue Line.
- (II) If shot into the Attacking Zone (or errant pass) – nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from which the pass or shot originated that gives the offending Team the least amount of “territorial advantage” (even if deflected off an attacking or defending Player or an official).
- (III) If the defending Player is pressured or about to be checked by an attacking Player – nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from which the pass or shot originated that gives the offending Team the least amount of “territorial advantage” (even if deflected off an attacking or defending Player or an official).



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((IV) If deemed to be an “intentional off-side” – Face-off Spot in the offending Team’s End Zone. When the Linesperson signals a “Delayed Off-side” and a defending Player shoots the puck which goes over the Protection Glass and out of play, the ensuing “face-off” shall be conducted at one of the Defending Zone End Zone Face-off Spots and the defending Player would be assessed a Minor Penalty. Rule 63 – Delaying the Game. When the Linesperson signals a “Delayed Off-side” and the original shot deflects off a defending Player and out of play, the ensuing “face-off” shall take place at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from where the puck was shot. When the defending Team is about to be penalized in the Defending Zone and the Linesperson has a “Delayed Off-side” signalled against the attacking Team on the same play, the ensuing “face-off” shall be conducted at one of the Defending Zone End Zone Face-off Spots.

83.7 INTENTIONAL OFF-SIDE

An “intentional off-side” is one which is made for the purpose of securing a stoppage of play regardless of the reason, whether either Team is “short-handed”. If, while an “off-side call is delayed”, a Player of the offending Team deliberately touches the puck to create a stoppage of play, the Linesperson will signal an “intentional off-side”. If, in the judgement of the Linesperson, the attacking Player(s) are making an effort to exit the Attacking Zone and are in close proximity to the Blue Line at the time the puck is shot into the zone, the play will not be deemed to be an “intentional off-side”.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Warmest of welcomes to another weekend of action where after a trip down to Manchester the Flyers will play host to Nottingham Panthers.

During the week Flyers announced that there will be a celebration of Flyers being crowned the 1984/85 British Champions back when the season finale at Wembley Arena was the big thing.

It's fair to say that those involved in the organisation know a thing or two about Flyers history and for those that remember that season those celebrations will be a fantastic happening. I can take myself back to 1990 when I first started to watch Flyers but even though that was five years after that great moment it was still being talked about.

It triggered taking me back to some of the most exciting hockey nights in the Auld Barn when we had a proper national league set up, not this fragmented "it's ma baw, you're not playing" type set up we now see. When I started watching teams had three imports and a whole bench of mainly local lads, it was exciting, and the imports were genuinely top-grade players. I do yearn for those days but at a point in time Flyers found themselves caught between hammering teams in a league they simply were too good for as they kept the Flyers name alive or signing up for the Elite League and having to stack a team full of imports with the cost that comes with it.

Flyers have recruited some incredible players during their time in the Elite League (as well as a couple of haddies) and I genuinely believe there were times where Flyers were punching above their weight. That came from the spirit in the dressing room and where Flyers find themselves now is at a point where whether they can start pulling off some good results or not might well lie with the spirit, heart and soul within the room.

There's no doubt that there is talent within the team, there is an ability and above all else a possibility that only those guys can realise through hard work and determination. When I went through some hard times, and when I look back there were some times that would break you if you let it, I identified a focal point, the peg that was driven into the ground which was the springboard to moving forward one step at a time.

Perhaps Flyers can find that focal point, the thing that will backstop them as they take the next step forward. When you walk a mile you don't do it in one big step, it is a journey made up of many steps that always starts with the first step. Our job is to be as supportive as we can and do what we can to give the guys a lift.

Dundee Stars fans celebrated another road victory in Fife last weekend though probably more out of relief as they continue to find themselves in a battle to stay out of ninth place. The current occupants of that are Manchester Storm who will view a win against Flyers on Saturday as essential to their cause as they seek to reel in Stars using their three games in hand.

Phelix Martineau returned to the line up against Stars and scored a terrific individual goal which he created from nothing thanks to sheer determination behind the Stars net. Despite Flyers winning the third period they were unable to carry that forward to Sheffield where Steelers simply had their way with Flyers.

Nottingham Panthers will come into Fife on Sunday chasing down Steelers from their fourth spot and pushing for third whilst Belfast Giants continue to resign former players as they look to reel in top placed Cardiff Devils. With two games in hand over Devils, for Giants, it is all to play for.

There is a good spread from first to sixth position in the league though Flames, Blaze and Panthers are beginning to drift a little from the top three. Steelers find themselves in third spot and needing a charge to get passed Giants and Devils.

For Flyers the remainder of the season is about pride and restoring the self-belief back in the guys. If ever there was a time for the team and fans to come together, it's now.

Have yourself a happy hockey weekend.

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WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

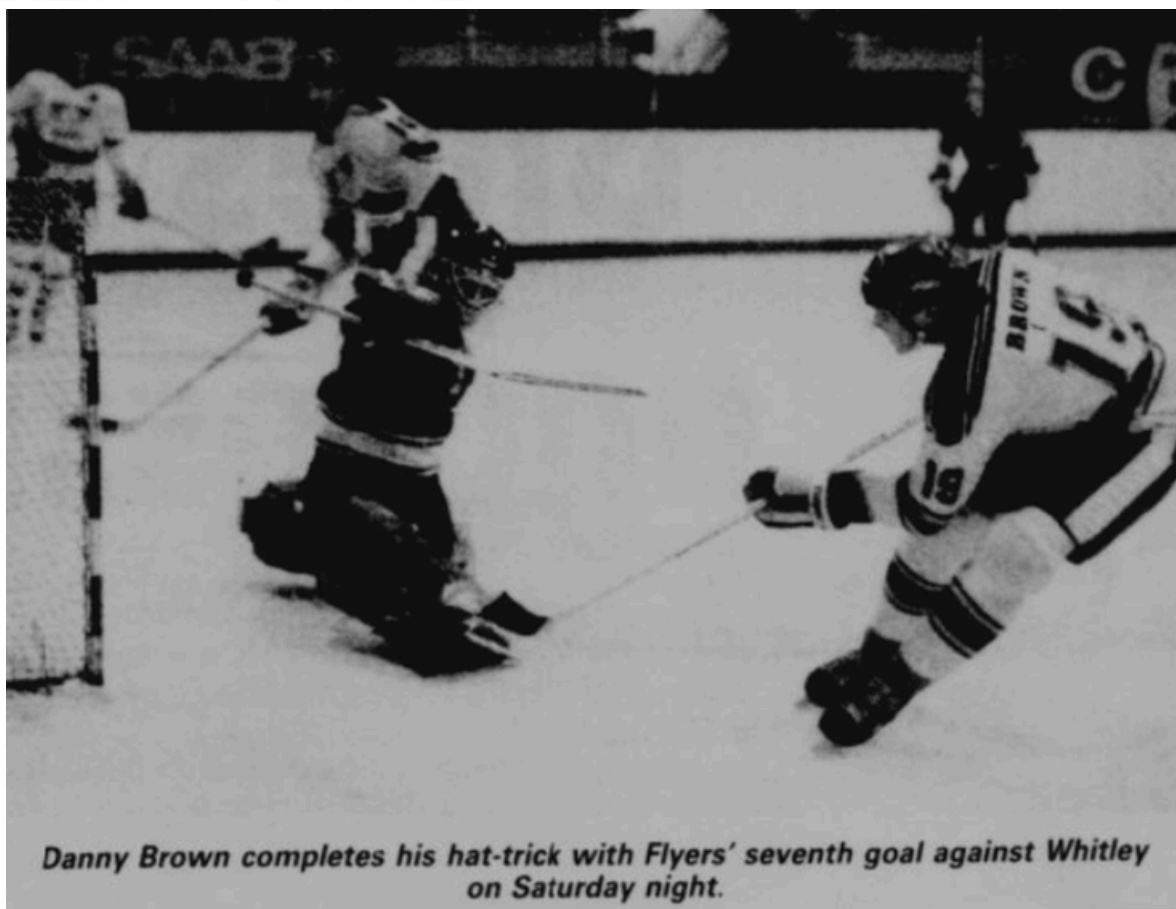
Struggling Whitley Warriors are Fife Flyers' only opponents this weekend when they visit Kirkcaldy Ice Rink tomorrow night. Flyers have scored comfortable victories over the English side in the two league matches between the pair already played this season, and their unbeaten home record should not be in any danger. Danny Brown has recovered from the leg injury he picked up against Nottingham on Saturday, and with the exception of Jimmy Pennycook who is unavailable Flyers will be at full strength. After their 3-3 draw at Murrayfield on Sunday, Flyers are in the happy position of knowing that their two main rivals for the Heineken Premier League title — Racers and Durham Wasps — still have to come to Kirkcaldy. However, player-coach Ron Plumb knows that Flyers still have some tough away fixtures, particularly at Ayr, Dundee and Streatham. Meanwhile two Flyers — Andy Linton and Brian Peat — have each been sent letters of caution from the BIHA Disciplinary Committee after receiving game misconduct penalties in the match against the Cleveland Bombers. Hugh Alcorn and Dave Ross of Whitley will both miss tomorrow's match in Kirkcaldy after being suspended for three matches each. Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club have announced that advanced tickets for next month's televised game against Murrayfield will go on sale today. The match on March 23 (face off 1.00 pm) will have a crowd limit of 2600 with 560 seats lost because of camera positions.

02/02/1985 Fife Flyers v Whitley Warriors Premier League

Danny Brown notched his 50th goal and 100th point in Heineken Premier League matches this season as Fife Flyers continued their inexorable progress towards the championship crown at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night. The challenge of Whitley Warriors was killed stone dead in the first period, and Flyers were content to do just enough to win the remaining periods — perhaps saving themselves for stiffer tests to come. As well as Brown's two milestones, the match marked the comeback after a lengthy suspension of defenceman Bobby McEwan who has been out of the game for 11 months. And Gordon Goodsir celebrated his inclusion in Britain's under-20 side for the world championships by scoring twice. The match was just over a minute old when Dave Stoyanovich put Flyers ahead, with Danny Brown assisting to claim his 100th point of the season. Three minutes later, Stoyanovich accepted a simple chance to add a second after Andy Linton had done the spadework down the left. Although Whitley briefly got back into the game with a goal by Whitehouse, Brown replied with his 50th goal of the season after playing a one-two with Ron Plumb. Gordon Goodsir made it 4-1 when he dummied the keeper before scoring, and Brown added a fifth a minute later when Gary McEwan released the puck at exactly the right moment for the Canadian to find the top of the net. Stoyanovich and Brown then both completed first period hat-tricks before Fitzpatrick scored a power play in the final period, with goal for Whitley to give Flyers a 7-2 advantage at the interval. Bobby McEwan made his return to action early in the second half — and within seconds found himself in the penalty box. Warriors accepted the power play chance to reduce the leeway through Fitzpatrick with Flyers noticeably having slipped down a gear. Dave Stoyanovich was in goal-hungry mood however and after a couple of near things, he made it 8-3 with an angular shot from a Brian Peat pass. Flyers' top scorer brought the crowd to life with some exhilarating bursts, but it was Chic Cottrell who completed the period scoring when he fired the puck between the netminder's legs. Whitley again struck first in the final period scoring 90 seconds after restart with a shot that Craig Dickson did not see until it was in the net. Goodsir put Flyers into double figures when converted the rebound from a Cottrell effort, but within seconds Whitehouse pulled one back for the visitors. Whitley's heavyweight defenceman made it 10-6 with a tremendous shot from just inside Flyers' half. Any thoughts of a comeback by the English side were quickly dispelled however, as Andy Linton made no mistake after being set up by Neil Abel. Stoyanovich brought up his nap hand six minutes from time, and after coming close on several occasions Murray McLellan was on target to make the final score 13-6.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85



Two of Fife Flyers' rising stars have been included in the British under-20 side for the World Junior "C" Pool Championships in Belgium later this month. Netminder Craig Dickson and utility player Gordon Goodsir, both 19, were named in the squad of 20 which was announced this week. The British team manager is Flyers' boss John Haig, and completing the Kirkcaldy connection, the trainer is Colin Braid. The Championships — involving Britain, Bulgaria, Hungary, Belgium, Spain and Holland — take place from February 22-27. Our picture shows, back row — Colin Braid (left) and John Haig. Front — Craig Dickson and Gordon Goodsir.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Fife Flyers	22	15	4	3	205	106	33
Murrayfield.....	20	13	4	3	172	108	29
Durham Wasps	18	13	4	1	156	94	27
Dundee	23	12	10	1	160	152	25
Streatham	19	11	6	2	134	105	24
Ayr Bruins.....	23	9	11	2	165	176	20
Cleveland.....	22	9	11	2	162	176	20
Nottingham.....	22	9	12	1	96	122	19
Whitley Bay	21	5	15	1	155	203	11
Southampton	19	0	19	0	64	227	0



1984/85 SEASON ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

A landmark anniversary to celebrate one of the greatest moments in Fife Flyers' history has been announced.

It was 40 years ago in 1985 that the ice hockey team was crowned British champions at Wembley Arena in London.

That triumph created the 'Plumb Line' - a historic team led by player coach Ron Plumb and fellow Canadians Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown and backed by a host of outstanding local players widely regarded to this day as one of the most exciting ever seen at Fife Ice Arena.

Now, the players who skated to victory are set to be reunited as part of a major celebration planned for May 2025, exactly four decades later.

Plans are in hand to stage a live show packed with memories of that never to be forgotten season, a sportsman's lunch and an exhibition of memorabilia with all profits from the events going to CHAS, the club's adopted charity, and Maggie's Fife Cancer Care Centre in Kirkcaldy.

It will be a unique chance for fans who were there to relive one of the greatest weekends of following Flyers and introduce a classic team which packed the rink on game nights to a new generation of supporters.

The events are being put together by a small team of long-standing Flyers' fans with months of preparatory work already done. It is being led by Fife Flyers historian John Ross, with Joe Rowbotham, assistant team manager in 1985 and member of KIHG's management committee, Alan Westwater, former Flyers' programme editor, Iain Anderson, a supporter of the team since 1983 and Allan Crow, editor of the Fife Free Press.



Left to right: John Ross, Iain Anderson, Alan Westwater, Allan Crow

1984/85 SEASON ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

They have already contacted all the surviving team members who are looking forward to the 40th anniversary reunion, and put the wheels in motion to secure a venue. Work has also started on an exhibition in Kirkcaldy which will be launched that same week.

John said: "The 1985 team remains one of the greatest in the club's history, and it is only fitting we mark this landmark anniversary. We hope fans, old and new, will be able to enjoy our live event and exhibition of memorabilia - and share their memories of an incredible achievement 40 years ago.

"We have had a great response from the players and key people connected with the team in 1985 who all want to be part of the celebrations and are looking forward to reuniting them for the first time in 40 years."

The organising committee is appealing to fans who can donate memorabilia for the exhibition, and also to the business community to come on board as sponsors. There are gold and silver packages available at £1000 and £500 respectively, with benefits including tickets, souvenirs and publicity.

Their contributions will help underpin the not-for-profit event, and boost the organisers' donations to the two charities which will benefit.

Alan Westwater is leading on the exhibition which will focus on the 1985 team whose triumph was one of the greatest moments of the sport's Heineken era.

Fife Flyers are excited to see these events come to fruition and hope that players and fans can share some special memories.

Further detailed news on the events will be available in the next few weeks.

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KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



It was another productive weekend for Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club, with four of our teams recording victories in their respective fixtures.

Fife Phantoms were pushed hard by Aberdeen U14 in the first period of their game, but they eventually pulled away to win convincingly.

MVP Jackson O'Neil weighed in with a hat-trick, while Ryan Venters (2), Harry Hudson (2) and Ben Spears were also on target in an 8-1 victory.

Fife Flames returned to their best after a couple of sketchy performances, claiming a 9-4 win against Aberdeen's U16 team.

Six different players bagged goals including Lewis Blyth, who also picked up the MVP award.

Fife Falcons dominated proceedings against Aberdeen Lynx U19 but were made to work hard by the visiting netminder. Ross Henderson scored twice to ensure the Falcons maintained their unblemished record this season. Jack Malcomson was the MVP.

Kirkcaldy Kestrels continued their excellent start to 2025 at senior level with a comprehensive 5-1 victory at North Ayrshire Wild. The Kestrels triumphed at Edinburgh Capitals the previous weekend and were eager to follow up against Wild. They made a perfect start, with goals by Scott Jamieson and Conor Duncan inside the first nine minutes putting them in control of the contest.

Jamieson netted his second of the game in the 33rd minute, but the home side refused to lie down and got on the scoresheet early in the third period. However, further goals by Allan Anderson and Chris Wands put the seal on another solid road performance by the Kestrels.











They return to home ice against Aberdeen Lynx on Saturday (6.00 pm).



TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	30	44	21	0	7	2	108	71	0.73	
Belfast Giants	28	41	17	2	6	3	105	67	0.73	
Sheffield Steelers	28	38	18	1	9	0	114	69	0.68	
Nottingham Panthers	29	35	14	3	11	1	96	69	0.6	
Coventry Blaze	29	34	14	2	11	2	97	87	0.59	
Guildford Flames	28	32	13	2	11	2	93	91	0.57	
Glasgow Clan	28	26	11	2	15	0	84	97	0.46	
Dundee Stars	31	24	9	2	18	2	96	124	0.39	
Manchester Storm	27	21	9	1	16	1	84	111	0.39	
Fife Flyers	28	6	2	0	24	2	56	147	0.11	

As at 13th January 2025

WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
146	Fri	17-Jan-2025	Glasgow Clan	Sheffield Steelers	19:30
147	Sat	18-Jan-2025	Guildford Flames	Dundee Stars	18:00
148	Sat	18-Jan-2025	Belfast Giants	Sheffield Steelers	19:00
149	Sat	18-Jan-2025	Manchester Storm	Fife Flyers	19:00
150	Sat	18-Jan-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Coventry Blaze	19:00
151	Sun	19-Jan-2025	Belfast Giants	Manchester Storm	16:00
152	Sun	19-Jan-2025	Fife Flyers	Nottingham Panthers	17:15
153	Sun	19-Jan-2025	Coventry Blaze	Guildford Flames	17:30

FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

Date	Opposition	Competition	Venue	FO Time	Result	Score
Saturday Aug 24th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	19:00	Lost	2-4
Sunday Aug 25th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	17:15	Lost	4-6
Saturday Aug 31st	UQTR	Pre Season	H	19:15	Won	2-0
Saturday Sep 7th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	19:15	Won	4-3
Sunday Sep 8th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-4
Saturday Sep 14th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15	Lost	5-6
Sunday Sep 15th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	17:00	Lost SO	2-3
Saturday Sep 21st	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:00	Lost	1-5
Sunday Sep 22nd	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	5-8
Saturday Sep 28th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	19:15	Won	4-1
Sunday Sep 29th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00	Lost	1-4
Saturday Oct 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15	Won	3-2
Sunday Oct 6th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00	Lost	1-5
Wednesday Oct 9th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	19:30	Lost	0-7
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
Friday Oct 18th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	19:30	Lost	0-7
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15	Lost	4-7
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	0-3
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-7
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	3-5
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15	Lost SO	3-4
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15	Lost OT	4-5
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Won OT	4-3
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15	Lost	1-4
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15	Lost	4-5
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30	Lost	2-9
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00	Lost	2-5
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15	Won	5-3
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00	Lost	2-4
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15	Lost	0-4
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Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00	Lost	1-7
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Saturday Apr 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Apr 6th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		



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