



THE FLYER

DIGITAL GAMEDAY PROGRAMME

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VS



SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025
ELITE LEAGUE

ISSUE NO 22

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 18th January 2025				4		5 Elite League			
Period Scores 1-0, 2-1, 1-4									
Line up	L	Jānis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓	Ryan Foss	✓
	n	Shane Owen	BackUp	Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
	e			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
				Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓
	U			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Ben Brown	✓
	p			Patrick Kyte	✗	Aiden Wilson	✗	James Spence	✗
	s					Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓		
Pering		Refs	Anderson		Arnold	Lines men	Fraley		

The Flyers started the weekend with a road trip to meet the Manchester Storm with the two teams occupying the places outwith the play offs. The home side were without Connor Lee, Noah Kaariainen and Gianluca Estevez. The Flyers travelled without Patrick Kyte, Aiden Wilson, Cameron Kenny and James Spence. Ahead of face off there was a minutes applause for Rob Trumbley who played for Storm amongst others and that Flyers fans will remember as a fearsome opponent. It was a quiet start to the game without a shot on goal in the opening four minutes. The first real chance of the game then came when Austin Farley carried the puck through the middle and his lay off to the right wing saw Michael Cichy clank one of the post. The following shift Farley was parked in front of Evan Weninger but couldn't get a clean connection on the puck as it was scrambled clear of the Storm goal. In the 6th minute it was Cichy again testing Weninger but his shot hit the outside frame of the goal before Olivier Leblanc was called for roughing to send the Storm on the first power play of the night. The Storm had several chances with the man advantage with Jānis Voris gloving a snapshot from Stephen Johnson before doing well in a scramble to keep Alexis D'Aoust out. The Storm weren't finished and Tyler Hinam in his first game back from injury went through the centre of the defence and Voris made the initial pad save before eventually sitting on the puck to get the stoppage and the Flyers completed the kill. In the 10th minute Kieran Craig had a shot from a tight angle saved by Weninger and the Storm then went the other way on a 2 on 1 with Owen Griffiths failing to get a stick on the puck with the net gaping. The home side however took the lead on the next shift when the Flyers failed to get the puck out of their zone and it ended up on the stick of Joe Morrow in the high slot and he found the top of the net above the glove of Voris. Weninger fought off a shot by Lucas Chiodo in the 11th minute. In the 12th minute Tyler Heidt was up on the rush and he took the puck to the net but the Storm goalie shut the wickets to deny him. A minute later and it was the visitors again with a quality chance when Farley threaded the puck to Cichy who went in on goal but couldn't beat the pad of Weninger on the back hand. Voris had to be alert as he gloved a shot from Cam Critchlow in the 15th minute the Grant Hebert went down the right wing and fired the puck into the logo of Voris. The final chance of the period fell to the Flyers as Lucas Chiodo was robbed by Weninger who made a huge pad save and then made another block to preserve the lead.

PERIOD 2

In the 22nd minute Craig had a shot from the circles that Weninger held. D'Aoust found himself with plenty of time and space in the 25th minute on the left hand side and he tried to pick the top corner on Voris who snagged his shot. The Storm went back on the power play in the 27th minute when Daniel Krenželok was called for delay of game for shooting the puck over the glass. The Storm power play which is statistically worst in the league were unable to get any shots on Voris as Flyers completed the kill. In the 29th minute Chiodo picked up the puck in the neutral zone and scampered into the Storm zone but Weninger was equal to his back hand effort. In the 30th minute the Flyers survived not getting the puck out of their zone when Voris was out aggressively to stop D'Aoust before Stephen Johnson took a slashing penalty. The Flyers with the a advantage were unable to get anything set up and late on in their power play they shipped a short handed goal as Morrow took the puck down the right side and his pass cross slot saw Voris miss his poke check and the puck landed on Loren Ulett's stick to fire home. The visitors almost gave up another short handed counter on the next shift as Voris was forced to come out of his goal way above the circles to poke check the puck and clear the zone as the

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Storm returned to full strength. The home side did however strike again moments later when Hebert carried the puck down the right and his back hand pass found Ryan Hughes on the edge of the crease who had an easy task to find the back of the net. The Flyers called their time out at this point with 33 minutes on the clock. The Storm almost increased their lead in the 36th minute on a 2 on 1 but the puck bobbed over a Storm stick with plenty of net top aim at. In the 38th minute Critchlow and Phélix Martineau dropped the gloves at centre ice with the Storm man getting the take down. On the restart the Flyers pulled a goal back when Krenželok let a shot go from inside the blueline and Weninger failed to hold it with the rebound finding the stick of Cichy in the slot who went five hole.

PERIOD 3

Two minutes into the final period Massimo Carozza with speed went in on the Storm goal and lost his footing before crashing into the boards but thankfully was able to return to the play. In the 44th minute the Storm added another goal as the Flyers turned the puck over in their zone and Voris made the initial save from D'Aoust but the rebound was picked up by Hughes who fired home. Crucially however 30 seconds later the Flyers reduced the arrears when they gained possession of the puck in the Storm zone and Chiodo fed it to Noah Delmas who came in off the blue line and his shot beat Weninger under the glove and above the pad. The Flyers were back on the power play in the 45th minute when Hughes was called for roughing. Hinam straight away had a shorthanded bid but Voris made the save and the Flyers once again had trouble getting anything set up as the Storm completed the kill and returned to full strength. In the 47th minute Hughes tested Voris who was his equal and a minute later Martineau create a chance with a big hit along the boards and when the puck found Charles-Antoine Paiement his slapshot was denied by a huge shot block by Zach Sullivan. The Flyers returned to the power play in the 51st minute as the Storm were penalised for too many men and this time they made their numerical advantage count. The Flyers recycled the puck and Ryan Foss was able to feed Chiodo who stepped out from the corner of the goal and with Weninger sprawling across the ice he lifted the puck high into the net to make it a one goal game. 90 seconds later and incredibly the visitors tied the game when the Flyers again outworked the Storm in their own zone and Foss again was the provider as he slid a pass out front from behind the net and Craig buried the puck past Weninger. Storm called their time out as the Flyers tails were clearly up. Martineau went very close when he shot against the grain in the 55th minute and the puck whistled past the post with Weninger rooted. Voris made a great save in the 56th minute on Jake Durflinger but the Flyers were called on the play with Leblanc getting the gate for slashing. Craig Martin was first to threaten the Flyers goal on the Storm power play but Voris stood tall and he then denied D'Aoust with a pad save on a big slapshot as the home side iced five forwards in an effort to get the regulation winner. With 30 seconds left on the Flyers kill the numbers were evened as the Storm were penalised for a high stick as the teams skated 4 on 4. The Flyers returned to full strength and with two minutes remaining got the go ahead goal. Martineau had the shot and Weninger made the save but couldn't stop the rebound which found Cichy and he drove the puck into the net. With 80 seconds remaining the Storm pulled Weninger for the extra attacker and the Flyers iced the puck a couple of times. Voris made another huge stop in a scramble around his net as the Storm players crashed his crease but the Flyers stood firm to ice a memorable comeback win.

Storm Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Morrow	Martin	Johnson	1	Cichy	Stallard	Krenželok	For	
46	Ulett	Morrow	Durflinger	2	Delmas	Chiodo	Martineau	35	
Shots	Hughes	Hebert	Durflinger	3	Chiodo	Foss	Cichy	Shots	
Against	Hughes	D'Aoust	Morrow	4	Craig	Foss	Carozza	Against	
35				5	Cichy	Martineau	Foss	46	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
13				7				11	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Hughes				10				Voris	

STORM MATCH NIGHT ACTION



MANCHESTER STORM



GETTING TO KNOW #93

BEN BROWN

Date of Birth – January 13, 2004

Position - Forward

Age - 21

Height - 178cm / 5'10"

Place of Birth – Dundee

Weight - 89 kg / 196lbs

Shoots - Left

Professional Career

2021-22 Dundee Stars (EIHL)

2022-23 Dundee Stars (EIHL)

2023-24 Milton Keynes Lightning (NIHL)

*2024-25 Milton Keynes Lightning (NIHL),
Fife Flyers (EIHL)*



#93 WE ASKED...

1. What other sports did you play growing up?

A lot of roller hockey

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

My parents have been the biggest influence for sure. they've gave up and sacrificed a lot for me to be where i am today

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

When I was 15 I played with Ivan Miroshnichenko and he plays in the NHL now which is pretty cool. But in my senior career so far probably Sebastian Bengtsson

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

I can't really name one player from my senior career yet as I've played against so many good players. But again when i was younger i played against a guy Filip Mesar. He got drafted first round a couple years ago he was really good.

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

Can't pick one but a couple cup finals with my old team the Dundee Comets - winning trophies is always memorable.

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

Favourite either Belfast or Nottingham. Least favourite Kilmarnock

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

No icings

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

Big Detroit Red Wings fan. Don't really hate on any teams in the NHL

9. Most admired hockey player and why?

Pavel Datsyuk. Arguably one of the smartest players ever and his stick work was insane.

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

Never give up. Work hard and always listen to your coaches.

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

I think my shot is the strongest part of my game and I'm always trying to work on my speed

12. Pre-game routine?

Nothing crazy just arrive 3 hours before face-off, have a coffee and chill out for a bit before I start warming up

13. Pre-game meal?

Pasta bolognese

14. Any gameday superstitions?

Just arriving 3 hours before face off, doing the same warmup and listening to some music in my airpods

15. Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Roller hockey and Badminton

16. Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

I just watch hockey haha

17. Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Cristiano Ronaldo

18. Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Manchester United

19. Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

20. Favourite TV show(s)?

The Office, Gavin and Stacey

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

Probably pasta bolognese

22. Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

An ice cold can of Coke

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

Paul Bissonnette, Bob Probert, Tie Domi and Ryan Reaves. I'm sure there would be some funny stories at that table

24. Favourite singer/music/band?

The 1975

25. What is your favourite vacation destination?

I went to Paris last summer with my girlfriend that was a cool place

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

PE favourite, RME least favourite

27. What is your go to Karaoke song?

Everybody wants to rule the world - Tears for Fears

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

I'd like to be a guitarist for the 1975 that would be pretty cool

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

I've had a few, Benny, Brownie, Le Brun, Bean

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

Read people's minds

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

Stick, orange hockey ball, and a net, so i would never be bored





32. How many languages do you speak?

Just English

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

Plumber

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 19th January 2025			2		4	Elite League	
Period Scores 0-0,2-1,0-3							
Line ups	Jānis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Ryan Foss	✓	Massimo Carozza ✓
	Shane Owen	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 ✓
			Patrick Kyte	✗	Aiden Wilson	✗	James Spence ✗
					Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓	
	Rodger	Refs	Ferguson		Rodger	Lines men	Ward

The Flyers welcomed the Nottingham Panthers hoping to carry forward the momentum from the previous evening's win in Manchester. The visitors started Jason Grande in net and were without the injured Quinn Wichers as they were looking for a four point weekend to keep in touch with the top three teams. The Flyers started exactly the same bench as the previous evening with Patrick Kyte, James Spence Aiden Wilson and Cameron Kenny all scratched.

The first shot of the game came after 20 seconds when Grande blocked away a shot from Massimo Carozza who went down the right wing. Jānis Voris was in the game after 90 seconds when he stopped a Tim Doherty shot. In the 4th minute Voris was almost caught out by a shot from the half boards by Jordan Kelsall that he blocked and it almost spun into the net. The game was fast paced with very few whistles as the teams went back and forth at each other. The Panthers took the first penalty of the game in the 7th minute when Didrik Henbrant went to the box for hooking. The Flyers couldn't get anything set up in the Panthers zone and the closest to an opening goal came on a shorthanded bid by Kelsall who tried to sneak the puck past Voris at his post but he scrambled it clear as the Panthers completed the kill. In the 11th minute Voris came up with a solid save when he got a glove to a shot by Zech Cooper who was in the slot but he did enough to deflect the puck over the bar. Tyler Heidt tested Grande from distance in the 13th minute and he had some trouble tracking the puck but the Panthers then broke quickly and Voris was again stellar as he made a couple of pad saves in quick succession to deny Hugo Roy. Phélix Martineau then forced Grande to cover up a shot as the pace of the game was creating a lot of exciting hockey. The Panthers came close in the 14th minute to the opener when Voris bobbled a puck that got behind him and the puck lay flat on the goal line before being swept clear, the referee signaled no goal as play continued and the Flyers broke 2 on 1 with Lucas Chiodo feathering the puck to Martineau who was in deep but Grande slid across to make a pad save at his post. When the play was blown dead the referee went to video review which upheld the no goal on ice decision. A Jordan Stallard one timer in the 115th minute was stuck away by Grande. Voris then denied Mitchell Fossier from the slot with a lights out reaction save as the teams headed to the room all square.

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Carozza had the first shot of the middle period when he tested Grande from the left wing. The Panthers goalie was scrambling a minute later but Charles-Antoine Paiement couldn't get a contact on the puck. The Panthers went down the ice and Voris gloved a long range shot by Josh Tetlow. Paiement on the back hand was foiled by Grande in the 23rd minute and a moments later a nice flowing move involving Stallard, Austin Farley and Michael Cichy saw the latter release a shot from an angle that was blocked away by the visiting keeper. The Panthers took the lead in the 26th minute when Fossier had time down low to pick the top corner over Voris's glove. A minute later and the Flyers were guilty of a turnover in their own zone and Voris made a full splits save at close range to rob Reid Stefanson. In the 30th minute Grande held on to a Ben Brown shot with Stallard on the doorstep.

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A few moments later Voris made a save on Fossier but the Flyers were penalised on the play when Noah Delmas was sent to the box for tripping. The Panthers first man advantage of the night saw them with lots of zone time around the Fife net without getting any direct shots on Voris. The Flyers had a short handed chance when Martineau broke 2 on 1 with his shot missing the target but the Flyers completed the kill. The Flyers leveled the game in the 33rd minute when Ryan Foss played a pass to Carozza who sniped the corner of the net stick side on Grande. Shortly after the Flyers were back on the power play as Zech was called for a trip on Paiement. Sam Herr took the puck the length of the ice and drove the net but Voris stood strong as the Flyers again couldn't settle the puck down in the Panthers zone and the visitors returned to full strength without any serious danger around Grande. Voris again denied Herr in the 38th minute as the Panthers captain tried to drag the puck across his crease. Inside the final two minutes Paiement was given the gate for hooking as the Panthers went on their second power play. Within 11 seconds the Flyers were incredibly ahead as Kieran Craig stole the puck and went in on Grande who made the first save but Craig was able to slip the rebound in at the post for a shorthanded tally. The Panthers resumed their power play that was cut short when Matt Alfaro was binned for a slash as the teams ended the period skating 4 on 4.

PERIOD 3

The Flyers returned to full strength after 30 seconds of the third period and had a minute of power play which the Panthers again killed with ease. In the 43rd minute Voris was aggressively out of his crease to take the net away from Henbrant in the slot. Tyler Heidt was then called for a cross check and Voris made a blocker save on Herr and the Panthers again had a lot possession in the Fife zone without generating very much direct action on the Fife netminder as the Flyers returned to full strength. The Panthers however were ramping up the pressure and the Flyers struggled to exit their own zone. Stallard was penalised for slashing in the 48th minute and Voris got across his goal to stop a shot from Kristoff Kontos and that was the only danger as the Flyers completed another kill. The visitors pressure did however pay off in the 51st minute Zsomer Garat let a shot go from the high slot and it somehow squeaked through Voris to find the net. Just over a minute later and the visitors had the lead with a well worked goal that pulled Voris out of position and Kontos provided the back door finish. The Flyers returned to the power play in the 53rd minute with Matt Spencer being called for boarding. The Flyers had an early chance as a shot was tipped in front of Grande and almost found the net. With 6 seconds remaining the Panthers were again penalized with Jaako Niskala going to the penalty box for a cross check. A short 5 on 3 saw the Flyers miss the net with a shot and Herr went the other way on another shorthanded bid but Voris made another excellent save. Martineau had a shot blocked away by Grande and Henbrandt saw his shorthanded shot saved by Voris as the Panthers returned to full strength. Voris was pulled for the extra skater with 100 seconds to play as the Flyers used their time out. The first couple of draws were won by the Flyers but the Panthers defended doggedly and finally worked the puck out of their zone and with patient possession got the puck to Otto Nieminen who found the empty net to ice the game with 45 seconds remaining.

Flyers Stats					Panthers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Carozza	Foss	Farley	1	Fossier	Herr		For	
41	Craig	Heidt	Martineau	2	Garat	Nieminen		54	
Shots				3	Kontos	Zech		Shots	
Against				4	Nieminen	Spencer	Henbrant	Against	
54				5				41	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
8				7				10	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Voris				10				Fossier	

PANTHERS

MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE
& DEREK YOUNG



DOING THE NUMBERS

Flyers Stats 2024/25

Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP A	SH A	Ev A	PiMs	S	S %	GAA	SO	PS S	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	37	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	16	0	1	1	0	0	1	4	454	0.89	4.78	0	0	628	50
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	42	2	12	14	1	6	7			0	1	6	7	16	51
Madi Dikhanbek	D	27	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	42
Tyler Heidt	D	41	4	11	15	1	2	3		1	1	3	8	11	32	72
Brodie Kay	D	34	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	23
Daniel Krenželok	D	41	3	6	9	1	3	4			0	2	3	5	40	137
Patrick Kyte	D	37	2	4	6	1	1	2			0	1	3	4	43	52
Olivier LeBlanc	D	35	0	8	8		1	1			0		7	7	43	32
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	41	13	26	39	5	7	12			0	8	19	27	12	117
Michael Cichy	F	41	15	14	29	6	4	10			0	9	10	19	12	85
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	27	4	9	13	1	1	2			0	3	8	11	8	51
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	35	18	18	36	5	7	12		1	1	13	10	23	27	134
Maxim Musorov	F	23	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	30	5	11	16	1	6	7			0	4	5	9	49	50
Aiden Wilson	F	14	0	0	0			0			0			0	4	3
Massimo Carozza	F	21	6	5	11	1	1	2			0	5	4	9	2	44
Jordan Stallard	F	19	1	3	4			0			0	1	3	4	8	28
Ben Brown	F	12	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	11
Kieran Craig	F	11	4	2	6			0	1		1	3	2	5	4	41
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	6	1	0	1			0			0	1		1	2	20
Players in BLUE are everresents Inc All Competitions Figures as at 19/01/2025																
Totals			91	159	248	24	47	71	1	2	3	66	107	173	403	1192
			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 - Craig	2 - Cichy 1 - Musorov Krenželok Chiodo Martineau	1 - Pilon	8

WEEK 20 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Manchester Storm 4 Fife Flyers 5 - Elite League

Congratulations to Johnny Curran on his first coaching win.

Congratulations to Jānis Voris on recording his first win.

The Flyers for the first time when trailing after two periods this season came back to win -0 having previously lost on all 27 previous occasions in that situation.

4 goals in the final period is the most the Flyers have scored in any 20 minutes of hockey this season.

2 PPG's tied the most scored with the man advantage for Flyers in a game this season.

Ryan Foss with 3 assists tied for most in a game this season with Lucas Chiodo and Phélix Martineau.

It was the 5th short handed goal given up by the Flyers on the season and the second Loren Ulett has scored against the Flyers.

The Flyers halted their losing streak at 13 games and avoided equalling their longest winless streak of 14 games in the EIHL and also the potential to equal their all-time consecutive losing streak of 15 games from season 1950/51.

The Flyers ended their longest losing streak against the Storm on Altrincham ice at 5 games.

The Flyers ended a season high streak of 6 games without a power play goal.

On Sunday night.....

Fife Flyers 2 Nottingham Panthers 4 - Elite League


The Panthers made it five consecutive wins against the Flyers.

The Flyers trailed for 15:30 in the game, the shortest time in arrears to an opponent over the last 9 games.

Kieran Craig scored the Flyers first shorthanded goal of the season. The Flyers were the only team without a shortie on the season.

The last Flyers player to score shorthanded was Teemu Pulkkinen in February 2024.

Nottingham have now conceded 6 shorthanded goals which equals both Dundee and Manchester as most across all EIHL competitions this season.

	Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Stripecy's									
	2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	14	44 Sam Anderson	4	77 James Ions	2		
	3 Tom Pering	2	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	16				
	16 Alan Craig	9	43 Graham Rodger	10	52 Stephen Matthews	3				



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 21




Recent Form Guide

The two teams said farewell to 2024 in their last encounter on Hogmanay. Following that win for Glasgow the Clan opened up 2025 on the Friday night in Manchester where they were defeated 4-1. They remained on the road the next night when they travelled to Nottingham and narrowly lost 2-1 to the Panthers. The following Friday the Cardiff Devils were visitors to Braehead arena and the Clan's long unbeaten home run of 7 games was ended in an exciting odd goal in nine thriller in favour of the visitors. The Guildford Flames were next in the following night and in another nailbiter the Clan this time got the decision with a 5-4 win after overtime. It was a single game for the Clan last weekend when they hosted the Sheffield Steelers on Friday night with the defending Champions making it 8 consecutive wins, which so far is the longest winning streak of any team this season, when they posted a 3-1 scoreline. Ahead of meeting the Flyers the Clan were in midweek action in the play in round of the Challenge Cup when they travelled to Nottingham and were eliminated 5-1 by the Panthers.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO CLAN


Tuesday

31st December 2024




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Elite League



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

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST CLAN

P 44 W 13 L 31 F 114 A 179

Number Crunching

This will be the Flyers 800th game in all EIHL competitions.

Having won the opening game of the season between the teams the Flyers are trying to avoid a 7th consecutive defeat against the Clan which would be the best winning streak for the Glasgow side against the Flyers since the 2018/19 season.

Phélix Martineau, Michael Cichy and Lucas Chiodo each have three goals in the meetings with the Clan this season whilst Cole Ully with 8 leads the way for the Clan against the Flyers.

The Clan have 15 different scorers in their games against Flyers this season and the Flyers have 8 different scorers against Clan.

The Clan have conceded the most empty net goals with 11 across all EIHL games this season, the Flyers have shipped 8.

The Clan are one of three teams to have scored a penalty shot goal this season.

The Flyers and Clan are 10th and 9th respectively for goals conceded in the final period with empty net counters boosting those totals.

The Clan lead all teams with 9 short handed goals in all EIHL competitions this season.

Clan average the third most shots for in games as well as the third fewest shots given up in games across all EIHL competitions this season.



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 21



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It was late November the last time the Devils clashed with the Flyers and following their win over Fife the then league leaders hosted Sheffield the following midweek and recorded a convincing 6-3 win after scoring the first 6 goals. The following Saturday it was another half dozen for the Devils as they shut out the Storm in Manchester before next night defeating the visiting Guildford Flames 4-1. The Devils then hit a three game skid where they picked up two points in home losses beyond regulation against the Giants and Storm and also lost in Nottingham. A 5-2 win in Dundee was followed by a thumping 5-1 win at the Vindico Arena against the Sheffield Steelers before Christmas. On Boxing Day the Devils went downed 5-2 in Coventry before ending the year with a pair of home wins, 3-2 against Blaze and 5-1 against the Flames. Guildford exacted revenge on New Years Day with a 5-3 win in Surrey and then at the weekend the Devils were stunned as Dundee Stars left with both points in a 4-2 win in Cardiff Bay. At home again the following night the Panthers were downed 3-2 before Cardiff eked out a couple of one goal wins in Glasgow and Manchester. Last weekend the Devils were in Continental Cup action with full coverage of that elsewhere in the programme. The first game of this weekend is the match against Flyers before the Devils host the now league leaders Belfast Giants on Sunday evening.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM DEVILS

Saturday 23rd November 2024				4				5				Elite League			
Flyers Stats				Devils Stats											
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Shots Against
Martineau	Chiodo		28		Goal 1	Sanford	Fournier	41		Goal 2	Fournier	Sanford	O'Brien	28	PiMS
Chiodo	Carozza		Shots Against		Goal 3	Duggan	Brandt	28		Goal 4	Martin	MacDonald	Barrow	4	Goalie
Stallard	LeBlanc	Pilon	41		Goal 5	Perlini	Duke	Fournier		Goal 6					Owen
Carozza	Krenzelok	Shulga	PiMS		Goal 7					Goal 8					Burman
			4		Goal 9					Goal 10					
			Goalie												
			Owen												

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST DEVILS

P 31 W 9 L 22 F 80 A 111

Number Crunching

This will be the Flyers 400th game at home in all EIHL competitions.

The Flyers are on a three game home losing streak against the Devils who have also won the last three consecutive games against the Flyers.

9 different Devils have found the net against the Flyers this season with 6 different Flyers finding the net in those three games.

Cole Sanford and Zach O'Brien with 3 goals each have top scored for the Devils who have scored five in each of the three games against the Flyers. Lucas Chiodo has a couple of goals in those games for the Flyers.

The Devils and Giants remain the only two teams who have yet to be shut out this season in all EIHL competitions.

The Devils average the second most shots on goal across all competitions so far this term at 36.83 per games which compares to 28.36 for the Flyers average.

The Devils and Giants both have the shortest winless streaks at two games across all competitions this season.

The Devils have scored the most goals from forwards at even strength of all teams in all EIHL competitions this season.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 20



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

Friday 17th January

Glasgow Clan 1 Sheffield Steelers 3 Elite League

(0-3, 1-0, 0-0,) SOG 35-24 PIMs 0-0 Att 3492

Sheffield Steelers moved to within four points of league leaders Cardiff Devils after a 3-1 win over Glasgow Clan at Braehead Arena. Matt Greenfield was a big reason why the Steelers were ahead after the first 20 minutes as Clan just couldn't beat the visiting goalie despite several excellent chances to take the lead. A quick shot from Mark Simpson beat Landon Bow at 4:19 to put the Steelers ahead, and by just over nine minutes played they'd doubled it -Max Golod wrapping the puck around and finishing through Bow's five-hole at 9:02. Bow left the net after that goal, with Lucas Brine taking over, but would return for period two. After Alex Forbes and Deven Sideroff had seen chances stopped by Greenfield, in the closing seconds of the period Brandon Whistle ripped a shot into the top corner of Bow's net with 14 seconds left on the clock. With 4:28 left in period two, Clan thought they'd beaten Greenfield but Rylan Schwartz's goal was ruled out as Chris McKay had batted the puck to him with his hand. Some 30 seconds later, they finally did find a way through - Reece Kelly steeping up caused an interception in Clan's end, and as they went up the ice it was eventually Schwartz with a tap in off a Matt Berry pass back across the top of the crease. In the third, some excellent blocks by Dominic Cormier and Kevin Tansey helped the Steelers keep Clan restricted to long-range shots which Greenfield was seeing well. Clan pulled Bow with almost two and a half minutes to go, but, despite good puck pressure, really didn't force Greenfield into any desperate action in the final seconds. The win was Sheffield's eighth in a row.

Saturday 18th January

Belfast Giants 4 Sheffield Steelers 2 Elite League

(1-1, 2-1, 1-0,) SOG 37-33 PIMs 9-13 Att 7120

Belfast Giants ended Sheffield's eight-game unbeaten run, and moved themselves to within a point of the lead in the Elite League, with a 4-2 win over the Steelers in front of 7,120 fans at the SSE Arena. "It's huge," said Bo Hanson on the win, "Sheffield are won of the top teams in the league and to beat them at home too, especially in front of our crowd, builds our momentum, and hopefully, we can keep climbing moving forward." It was a cagey start as both sides knew the magnitude of the game. A well-worked put Sheffield one up at 10:11 when Brandon Whistle played the puck into Vallerand, who released to captain Robert Dowd to fire past Jackson Whistle in the Belfast net. The Giants were able to get level on powerplay through Grant Mismash, as Patrick Watling was called for interference. It was patient build-up from the Giants. The puck was worked to the right from Mike Lee to Grant Mismash, who hit a one-timer through Matt Greenfield's five-hole to get the Giants level at 19:08. "I thought our first period was pretty solid, and it's unfortunate that we were down one going into the last couple of minutes," continued Hanson. "Tying it up improved our morale in the room and gives us life as well. From there, we started the second period on time, got a couple goals there, obviously gave up one, but going into the third with a lead is huge for us." Period two had a lot going on. The Giants went ahead through Bobo Carpenter who fired home Gabe Bast's perfect feed at 27:37 to put his side 2-1 in front. David Goodwin, on his return to the Giants, played the puck to Ciaren Long in the offensive zone to allow the British forward to deke past his man and beat Greenfield at 29:24 to make it 3-1. The Steelers managed to pull one back through a rocket from Patrick Watling at 33:32, high over Whistle to make it a one-goal game again. Tensions boiled over as Josh Roach and Marc-Olivier Vallerand both fighting majors, with players from both sides involved in the scrum as the period ended. The all-important next goal went the way of the Giants 8:34 into period three through captain Mark Cooper to put them back two ahead. The Giants almost hit a fifth when a rebound bounced off the skate of Colton Saucerman, but an excellent reaction save by Greenfield gloved the puck as it rolled towards the goal line with some five and a half minutes to go. A late cross-checking minor on Brandon Whistle limited what the Steelers could do inside the final five minutes, and although they played with six skaters for the final 124 seconds they couldn't get one back and the Giants took an important win. Hanson concluded: "To be at the top you've got to beat better teams, and they're definitely one of them. A lot of respect to those guys, but it feels good to beat them for sure." If Belfast beat Manchester Storm on Sunday, they'll go top of the table.



ELIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 20



Nottingham Panthers 2 Coventry Blaze 1 Elite League

(0-1, 0-0, 2-0,) SOG 35-31 PIMs 4-2 Att 6810

Nottingham Panthers scored two goals in the final five minutes to beat Coventry Blaze 2-1 in front of 6,810 fans at the Motorpoint Arena, in a game where the visitors probably deserved more. Nick Seitz scored the only goal of the opening period at 10:10 to put the Blaze ahead, and in truth they should have added to their tally in the first. Jason Grande made an excellent pad save off James Constable from point-blank range to prevent the Blaze going two ahead not long after, and the visitors created several more excellent chances to extend their lead before the intermission, but were unable to take advantage. The middle period was scoreless although an odd-man rush could have led to the Blaze going two ahead, only for Grande to bail the Panthers out again. The Blaze weathered a Panthers Storm at the start of the third period and came through unscathed. The home side did have the puck in Mat Robson's net but the play had already been blown down for the puck being under Robson's body – and with a penalty coming on the visitors. Coventry killed off the minor well to stay ahead going into the final ten minutes. Having held out for some 55 minutes, the Blaze were undone by a shot from below the goal line. A shot off the back boards fell to Otto Nieminen below the line, and he banked the puck in off the back of Robson's pads to tie things with 4:22 to go. Then, with 2:14 to play, a fake by Cooper Zech behind a screen left Robson stranded and gave the Panthers defenseman half of the net to aim at to score his first of the season and put the home side ahead. Stunned, Coventry pulled Robson with 67 seconds to play as they now tried to tie things up. Chase Gresock had a late chance to tie it but show wide when in close on Grande, while Didrik Henbrant hit the iron when shooting at the empty net in the final 30 seconds. The Panthers held on for a win that looked like it wasn't coming for some 55 minutes, closing the gap on the top three back down to three points.

Guildford Flames 5 Dundee Stars 0 Elite League

(4-0, 1-0, 0-0,) SOG 27-31 PIMs 6-4 Att 1939

Guildford Flames hit four goals in the first period to power past Dundee Stars with a five-goal win in front of a sold-out Spectrum crowd. I think at the beginning it was important for us to come out strong, and that's exactly that we did," said Daniel Catenacci who had a goal and an assist. "Sometimes this season we've come out well but kind of let up as the game went in but tonight we played a full 60 minutes which you can see with the score. The home side opened the scoring early at 03:11, as Ethan Strang scored his 20th goal of the year after redirecting a pass by Daniel Catenacci into the Stars' net. Matt Alvaro doubled the Flames' lead at 07:41, finding space behind the defence and using the open ice to shoot the puck past Richard Sabol's blocker. A blocked shot in the Flames' zone led to a two-on-one rush, with Ethan Strang's pass finding the stick of Daniel Catenacci who tapped the puck into the open net at 10:07. "Strang and I were joking about it, I got him one and then he got me right back," joked Catenacci. "It's good chemistry, we've been playing together for a while now and got used to each other." A fourth goal came through a solo effort by Jack Jacome as the Canadian picked the puck up behind the Stars' net and wedged it in from a tight angle at 14:06, prompting a goalie change for the visitors. End-to-end action in the opening frame of the second period saw Dundee come out strong, as they looked to generate some offense and get on the board early. Despite this, Matt Alvaro scored the only goal of the period as he found the back of the net for the second time at 29:36. A pass from behind the Stars' net by Jack Jacome found Alvaro on the doorstep, who sent a wrist shot past the glove of Jarrett Fiske. A late powerplay provided the best opportunity for the visitors to score their first of the night, however, Jake Kupsy stood tall and made three consecutive pad saves to deny the Stars. A scoreless third period saw a strong defensive performance by the home team, with Jake Kupsy securing his second Elite League shutout. Dundee had some high quality scoring chances throughout the period, at one point forcing Kupsy to make a diving save to keep the puck from passing the goal line. The goaltender stood tall however, and denied everything put his way on route to two vital league points.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 20



Sunday 19th January

Coventry Blaze 3 Guildford Flames 2 Overtime Elite League

(1-1, 1-1, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 42-22 PIMs 4-10 Att 1910

Chase Gresock scored all three goals for Coventry Blaze as they beat Guildford Flames 3-2 in overtime to move into fifth place in the Elite League standings. "It feels great, I'm happy that the team ground out the win," said the Blaze's hat-trick hero. "It shows a lot of character and resilience from our team after the game in Nottingham, that we can back home and were able to get this win. This is the most fun time of the year, it's great that we're right there, and anything can happen." Guildford took the lead after just 22 seconds when Jake Jacome's shot was tipped past Mat Robson in front by Matt Alvaro. The home side did push back with some good chances themselves, drawing Jake Kupsky into a good glove save to keep the Devils ahead. With 42 seconds left in the period, Gresock got on the end of a rebound from an Alex Kuqali shot to tie things up. Coventry started period two the stronger but were unable to find another way past Kupsky. That was, however, until the Flames took a face-off violation minor and Gresock fired past Kupsky to put the Blaze ahead at 32:45. That lead didn't last long though, with Brett Welychka tying things up under three minutes later to make it all square heading into the third. The Blaze had two powerplay opportunities to try and win the game inside the final ten minutes of period three, but a bounce wide or an excellent block prevented them from beating Kupsky again. Both teams deserved the point they got with the game heading into overtime, and it looked as if it might be another shootout that was needed to decide the game between these teams. Gresock had other ideas, though, and won it with 11 seconds to go in OT to get the Blaze the extra point.

Belfast Giants 3 Manchester Storm 2 Elite League

(3-0, 0-1, 0-1,) SOG 22-27 PIMs 10-8 Att 6923

Belfast Giants survived a Manchester Storm comeback to hold on and win out 3-2 on Sunday afternoon at the SSE Arena, 6,923 fans saw the Giants go top of the table with the win. "We needed four points this weekend to secure first place. I thought we had a really good first period and probably dropped off a little bit, but we found a way to win, so that's important," commented JJ Piccinich after the game. "We have to give Manchester credit. They did the right things with the puck towards the end and had us on our heels a little bit. I thought we had a little bit of a pushback with five or six minutes left in the third. We did have to do a lot of defending, and we did, and that's what matters." With a minor on Loren Ulett for tripping, the Giants took full advantage and opening the scoring midway through the period - good passing from David Goodwin and Grant Mismash set up Bobo Carpenter at the back post to put the Giants ahead with 10:31 played. Another powerplay doubled the home side's lead. Alexis D'Aoust was off for a high stick, and again excellent passing from the hosts saw Jordan Kawaguchi find Mark Cooper along the boards, and he squared it for JJ Piccinich to make it 2-0 at 15:27. Thirty seconds before the break, Gabe Bast fired from the mid-slot into the bottom Corner of Evan Weninger's net to make it 3-0. Storm were forced into a netminder changed 2:49 into period two. Racing through on a shorthanded breakaway, Carpenter pulled a move but in doing so collided with Weninger who needed to leave the game. Alex Oldale took over in Storm's net and wouldn't be beaten. The visitors saw a few powerplays go by without scoring, including a short 5-on-3, but did get back into things at 36:25 when D'Aoust was picked out by Craig Martin and saw his shot loop over Jackson Whistle and into the net. 48 seconds into period three, Craig Martin scored from the slot on a powerplay to get Storm back to within one. The visitors were on the front foot and called Whistle into some decent stops to keep the Giants ahead while Oldale was rarely troubled. With 1:49 to play, Storm called a timeout and pulled Oldale for the extra skater. Having had some decent possession, Tyler Rockwell had Storm's best chance to tie things in the final seconds when he got some space in the slot, but saw Whistle glove the puck down to end the game. The win put Belfast top of the league. "It's good to finally secure it. We've been so close to first place this whole time so now that we are outright in first place, at least for the meantime, it's a good feeling in the locker room" concluded Piccinich.



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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					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
2					
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8					
9					
10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Goalies

33 Ben Bowns
 30 Mac Carruth
 1 Taz Buman

Defencemen

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

Forwards

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

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

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DEVILS IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

30
Games played

21
Wins

7
Losses

0
Overtime wins

2
Overtime losses

0.733
Win %

44
Points

108
Goals scored

71
Goals against

3.60
Goals For average





















2.37
Goals Against average

3 109
Average attendance

1092
Shots on goal for

985
Shots on goal against



			Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game	
	92	Josh MacDonald	FW	30	21	18	39	6	4	0	16	105	167	17	16	9	18:20
	96	Cole Sanford	FW	29	11	20	31	2	1	15	101	151	2	1	4	20:27	
	88	Joey Martin	FW	28	12	16	28	8	3	0	19	64	104	244	250	13	19:50
	86	Zach O'Brien	FW	23	9	16	25	2	2	0	14	72	101	0	0	7	17:34
	27	Reid Duke	FW	29	7	16	23	20	2	0	4	124	178	140	101	12	16:46
	20	Gleason Fournier	D	28	3	20	23	37	1	0	19	71	122	0	0	25	21:55
	11	Brett Perlini	FW	30	11	11	22	0	2	0	3	76	112	1	0	11	16:32
	21	Kohen Olishefski	FW	29	8	12	20	28	0	0	9	72	104	277	246	22	18:35
	23	Evan Mosey	D	26	3	15	18	12	1	1	19	51	88	0	0	19	21:17
	44	Cody Donaghey	D	26	3	14	17	14	0	0	10	55	88	0	0	26	19:59
	13	Tyler Busch	FW	30	6	5	11	35	1	1	-1	48	62	183	179	19	16:36
	2	Andrew MacWilliam	D	24	3	5	8	50	0	0	17	27	42	0	0	22	18:29
	5	Ben Davies	C	22	5	2	7	4	0	0	2	21	33	65	90	9	11:20
	25	Riley Brandt	FW	20	2	5	7	92	1	0	2	37	51	5	4	7	12:06
	60	Jarrood Gourley	D	28	1	6	7	37	0	0	2	48	72	0	0	22	18:43
	79	Ryan Barrow	FW	19	0	7	7	2	0	0	4	30	52	0	0	5	15:55
	17	Mark Richardson	D	30	0	6	6	4	0	0	3	28	47	0	0	37	18:18
	16	Sam Duggan	FW	28	3	2	5	6	0	0	1	35	50	1	2	11	11:43
	41	Josh Batch	D	15	0	2	2	4	0	0	-1	16	38	0	0	15	16:32
	89	Hunter Shinkaruk	FW	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	-2	7	9	1	0	1	13:51
	77	Bayley Harewood	FW	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	4	6	0	0	0	02:25

			Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
	33	Ben Bowns	16	12	4	0	537	32	917	2.09	94.04	0
	1	Taz Burman	5	3	2	1	154	12	304	2.37	92.21	0
	30	Mac Carruth	9	6	3	1	292	23	516	2.67	92.12	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 issue we will do something slightly different and look back on the Devils Continental Cup winning campaign which culminated in them lifting the trophy last weekend.



The Continental Cup which is the second-level ice hockey tournament for European clubs (behind the Champions Hockey League), began in 1997 after the discontinuation of the European Cup. It was intended for teams from countries without representatives in the European Hockey League, with participating teams chosen by the countries' respective ice hockey associations.

IIHF Federation Cup

The Federation Cup was an official European ice hockey club competition created in 1995. It was the second European competition for club teams, intended for those teams who could not qualify for the European Cup, especially for those from Eastern European countries. It was the direct predecessor of the IIHF Continental Cup, which was played two seasons later. In the first year of competition, 13 Eastern European teams from twelve countries participated in the tournament.

In a KO-system with three qualifying groups, which qualifies the four participants in the finals. The following year was played in the same mode. Due to the increased number of participants (some Western European clubs had registered for the competition), an additional qualifying round was introduced.

IIHF Continental Cup

The competition began in season 1997/98 with 42 clubs from 26 countries, which expanded to 48 teams for the next two years. The tournament was played in seeded rounds of qualifying groups. There were three rounds of qualifying groups, with winners of qualifying groups progressing to the next round. The three winners of the third round groups entered the semifinals, along with the host club. The first round was held in September, the second in October, the third in November and the finals in December. In the 2000/01 season, with the European Hockey League on hiatus, the Continental Cup became the de facto European club championship. The format remained the same, with 36 teams from 27 countries. With the beginning of the IIHF European Champions Cup from 2004 to 2005, participants included national champions of countries not in the Super Six (the top six European nations according to the IIHF World Ranking), as well as teams from Super Six leagues, which included HC Dynamo Moscow and HKm Zvolen. The Cardiff Devils were also in last season's competition after finishing fourth in the EIHL but with the two sides above them, the Guildford Flames and Sheffield Steelers, declining to participate the Welsh side represented the UK. They made it all the way to the Final round which was hosted in Cardiff but finished third after dropping two of their three games with the winners being Nomad Astana from Kazakhstan.

So the Devils went into this season's competition looking to go one step further as we recap their games.

Friday 15th November - DEVILS 5 - 1 RITTNER BUAM

The Devils opened their Continental Cup campaign with a comfortable win over Rittner Baum on Friday afternoon. Ben Bowns got the start in goal for the Devils and Colin Furlong was in net for the Italian side. The Devils dominated the play in the opening period but took until 8:02 to open the scoring through Gleason Fournier. His shot sailed through traffic in front of the net past Furlong to make it 1-0 at 8:02. Just 33 seconds later, Joey Martin set up Josh MacDonald who beat Furlong high on the glove side to double the lead. The Devils ended the period holding onto their 2-0 lead, but Rittner pulled a goal back midway through the second period when Ethan Szypula scored on a two on one rush at 29:40. On that play, Bowns stretched to make the save and injured himself in the process, leaving the ice with Mac Carruth replacing him for the remainder of the game. Reid Duke scored on the powerplay at 33:18 after Fournier's shot was deflected right onto Duke's stick and he beat Furlong to make it 3-1 for the Devils. Cody Donaghey extended the lead at 37:40 when his shot from the blueline fooled Furlong and made it 4-1 for the Devils.

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The Devils added a fifth goal at 45:22 when MacDonald set up Joey Martin on a two on one play to make it 5-1 with just under 15 minutes to play. Rittner had a couple of powerplay chances in the final 12 minutes of play but the Devils' penalty killing was on point and any good scoring chance was smothered by Carruth who stopped all 15 shots he faced. Joey Martin scored a goal and assisted on two others, while Josh MacDonald and Gleason Fournier both had a goal and an assist in the 5-1 win.



Saturday 16th November DEVILS 4 -1 ZILINA

The Devils officially qualified for the Continental Cup Final in January after winning on Saturday night against their Slovakian hosts, Vlci Zilina. The Devils started with Mac Carruth in net, but he was replaced near the end of the second period by Ben Bowns after Carruth was injured on Zilina's only goal. The Devils opened the scoring on the powerplay 18:27 into the game when Kohen Olishefski tipped in a shot from Cole Sanford. Zach O'Brien's wrist shot snuck through the pads of Connor Lacouvee at 29:52 to put the Devils up 2-0. A bad bounce off the glass ended Carruth's night and got the hosts back in the game when a deflected puck bounced onto the stick of Simon Betak at the side of the wide open net to make it 2-1. Carruth was following the puck as it was rung around the boards, but when it bounced out, he dove back to make the save and looked like he injured himself on the play at 36:50. Bowns came in to finish the period while Carruth was helped off the ice. At 43:24, Ben Davies scored the nicest goal of the game when he walked around a defender and fired the puck past Lacouvee to make it 3-1. Four minutes later, a deflected puck landed on the stick of Josh MacDonald who beat Lacouvee for the final goal of the game to make it 4-1 for the Devils. The win saw the Devils go through to the Final of the Continental Cup in January 2025.



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Sunday 17th November – DEVILS 3 - 6 HC ARLAN

The Devils lost their final game of the Continental Cup Third Round in Slovakia on Sunday afternoon to Kazakhstan side HC Arlan. With two wins from their first two games, the Devils had already qualified for the Final in January. Maksym Dubé was called upon to start in goal for the Devils and he performed well in his first start with the club. The Devils struck first through Josh MacDonald at 12:13 of the first period, but Arlan came straight back to tie the game at 13:32 when Fedor Khoroshev scored with the Devils on a 5 on 3 penalty kill after Tyler Busch and Andrew MacWilliam were both called for minor penalties on the same play. Zach O'Brien put the Devils in front with a powerplay goal at 22:17 after he corralled a poor clearing attempt by the Arlan defender. At 26:15, Evan Mosey's shot from the blueline through traffic beat Sergei Kudryavtsev to give the Devils a 3-1 lead. Midway through the period with the Devils on the penalty kill again, the Arlan powerplay pulled a goal back when Vladimir Borovkov beat Dubé to make it 3-2. Before the second period was done, Arlan tied the game up when Vladislav Nikulin's shot found its way into the back of the net, making it 3-3, which is how the period ended. The Devils penalty killers were called upon twice in the third period when Tyler Busch and Ryan Barrow were both handed minor penalties, but Arlan failed to capitalise with the man advantage. The game looked destined for overtime, but with just over 2 minutes to play Stepan Sannikov picked up a loose puck and fired it over the shoulder of Dubé to give them a 4-3 lead with 2:03 left in the game. The game fell apart in the final two minutes with three Devils players getting ejected and Arlan scoring two late powerplay goals to end the game 6-3.



Cardiff Devils were now aiming to win their first ever IIHF Continental Cup when the final round began on home ice at the Vindico Arena. The 2025 event saw a reduced field after Kazakh side HC Arlan withdrew following issues in obtaining visas for players. That left the Devils to face GKS Katowice (Poland) and the Brûleurs de Loups of Grenoble (France) in order to win the trophy. Only the Nottingham Panthers from the Elite League had ever won the Continental Cup. Cardiff began their campaign against Katowice on Thursday night. The Poles were on a five-game winning streak in their own league and overcame a group containing Grenoble, Aalborg and Brasov in the previous round. In the Polish championship, Katowice found themselves second behind rivals Tychy coming into the competition, two points behind but having played a pair of games more.

Friday 17th January – DEVILS 6 – 3 GKS KATOWICE

The Cardiff Devils opened the Continental Cup Final with a dominating win over Polish side GKS Katowice on Thursday night. Cheered on by a very loud home crowd competing with impressive travelling support for Katowice, the atmosphere inside Vindico Arena was electric from the opening face-off. Mac Carruth got the start in goal for the Devils while Polish International netminder John Murray was in net for GKS. The Devils dominated the opening period but could not find a way past Murray despite firing 18 shots on goal compared to just 8 on the Devils' net. A late hooking call on Josh Batch meant a powerplay for Katowice that finished the first period and carried over to the start of the second.

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The Devils killed off the penalty but just as Batch returned to the ice, Patryk Wronka made a great pass from behind the net to Jean Dupuy who beat Carruth with a shot over his shoulder to make it 1-0 just 40 seconds into the period. After that, the period belonged to the Devils who scored 5 straight goals to take a commanding lead into the second intermission. First Joey Martin broke up a breakout attempt by Katowice and set up Josh MacDonald to beat Murray and tie the game at 24:00. Then some excellent forechecking by Sam Duggan saw the Katowice defender cough up the puck right to Reid Duke who patiently outwaited a sprawling Murray before shooting into a near open net to put the Devils in front at 29:32. The Devils' powerplay made it 3-1 when Codey Donaghey found Zach O'Brien at the side of the net, and he tapped it out front to Brett Perlini for a one-timer that beat Murray along the ice at 33:07. Just over a minute later, O'Brien tipped in a shot from the blueline by Mark Richardson to make it 4-1 at 34:18. Then with just 1:14 to play in the period, Cole Sanford tipped in a shot from Gleason Fournier to make it 5-1 at the end of 40 minutes of play. Katowice pulled a goal back on the powerplay through Bartosz Frazsko with Bayley Harewood sitting for tripping at 49:30. The Devils responded with another powerplay goal of their own when O'Brien scored his second of the game, tipping in a shot from Duke at 53:01 to put the Devils in front 6-2 with 7 minutes left to play. At 55:23, Frazsko scored his second goal of the game to make it 6-3, which is how the game ended. The second period was the obvious difference with the Devils showing just what they are capable of. After that, they were in cruise control to see out the game and get ready for Sunday's class with French side Brûleurs de Loups from Grenoble. The Devils knew that a win on Sunday would see them lift the Continental Cup.



Sunday 19th January - DEVILS 6 - 1 BRÛLEURS DE LOUPS

The Devils became only the second British team ever to win the IIHF Continental Cup, beating Grenoble 6-1 at Vindico Arena to take the prize with an unbeaten record in the final round. Tyler Busch opened the scoring for the Devils 5:17 into the first period when he finished off a goal mouth pass from Kohen Olishefski. The Devils had the perfect chance to extend their lead when they had a 5 on 3 powerplay midway through the period but failed to score with the two-man advantage. Grenoble struck back with less than 4 minutes remaining in the period through Aurelien Dair who made it 1-1 at 16:13 on the powerplay with Andrew MacWilliam in the box for interference. The period ended all tied up despite the Devils outshooting Grenoble 12-6 after 20 minutes. The second period belonged to Cardiff as they outskated, out hit and outscored Grenoble, ending the period with a 4-goal lead. First it was Brett Perlini who was sprung on a breakaway by Olishefski to beat Matija Pintaric in goal for Grenoble at 23:46 to give the Devils the 2-1 lead. At 30:51, Perlini scored again, banging home a rebound after Bayley Harewood was stopped by Pintaric on a breakaway. Josh MacDonald took a pass from Zach O'Brien on the powerplay to make it 4-1 at 37:44, then Cole Sanford scored on a breakaway with 1:15 left in the period to give the Devils a 5-1 lead after 40 minutes of play. The Devils only allowed 4 shots on goal the entire period and peppered Grenoble with 14 shots, scoring 4 times. The final period saw the Devils control the majority of play and see out the game in style.

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Grenoble pulled their netminder early to try and find a way past Carruth, but the last goal of the game came from Perlini for his hat-trick after O'Brien broke up the play and turned up the ice to find Perlini to make it 6-1. The celebrations began with the final buzzer and lasted for a long time on the ice as the Devils celebrated their first championship under Head Coach Pete Russell.



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



The full medal table for the competition is as follows:

Rank ↕	Nation ↕	Gold ↕	Silver ↕	Bronze ↕	Total ↕
1	Slovakia	5	1	2	8
2	Belarus	4	4	1	9
3	Switzerland	4	0	3	7
4	Great Britain	2	3	4	9
5	France	2	3	2	7
	Russia	2	3	2	7
7	Kazakhstan	2	3	1	6
8	Denmark	1	2	3	6
9	Ukraine	1	1	1	3
10	Austria	1	1	0	2
11	Poland	1	0	3	4
12	Finland	1	0	2	3
13	Norway	1	0	0	1
14	Germany	0	3	0	3
15	Latvia	0	2	0	2
16	Italy	0	1	2	3
17	Hungary	0	0	1	1
Totals (17 entries)		27	27	27	81

LEAGUE STATS

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Total Games Played	42	40	41	44	42	41	41	39	40	40	
Challenge Cup Games	12	10	10	12	12	12	10	10	10	10	
League Games	30	30	31	32	30	29	31	29	30	30	
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	8	
Longest Loss Streak	2	2	4	8	13	4	4	6	3	4	
Current Streak	4 Wins	3 Wins	1 Win	2 Losses	1 Loss	1 Loss	1 Loss	4 Losses	3 Wins	1 Loss	
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	3	0	3	3	
Shut Out Against	0	0	4	3	6	2	2	2	1	1	
Empty Net Goals For	7	5	5	4	1	6	4	5	6	10	
Empty Net Goals Against	5	5	2	7	8	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	134	134	117	107	81	107	103	106	124	126	
Powerplay	32	25	34	21	20	19	20	24	28	21	
Even Strength	98	107	77	84	60	81	80	79	94	101	
Shorthanded	4	2	6	2	1	7	3	3	2	4	
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	27	15	13	17	10	16	19	14	7	28	
Powerplay	2	2	1	5	4	4	5	4	0	6	
Even Strength	25	12	10	12	6	10	13	10	7	22	
Shorthanded	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	81	95	102	148	183	116	112	134	87	91	
Penalty Kill	21	18	25	22	28	30	26	36	15	18	
Even Strength	58	76	73	120	152	83	83	92	66	73	
Shorthanded	2	1	4	6	3	3	3	6	6	0	
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	13	7	22	19	26	17	14	22	12	13	
Penalty Kill	3	2	4	2	5	3	5	4	3	2	
Even Strength	10	5	17	17	19	12	9	18	9	10	
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	
Goals Scored Period 1	54	36	33	44	28	42	35	38	46	47	
Goals Scored Period 2	49	58	43	39	32	41	42	47	39	50	
Goals Scored Period 3	54	56	52	38	30	50	44	31	43	57	
Goals Scored OT/SO	4	0	5	3	1	2	2	3	5	3	
TOTAL Goals Scored	161	150	133	124	91	135	123	119	133	157	
Goals Scored Per Game	3.83	3.75	3.24	2.82	2.17	3.29	3.00	3.05	3.33	3.93	
Goals Conceded Period 1	30	33	44	53	67	31	40	45	20	37	
Goals Conceded Period 2	29	30	38	58	69	41	47	63	40	35	
Goals Conceded Period 3	31	36	40	54	72	61	39	50	39	30	
Goals Conceded OT/SO	4	3	4	3	3	1	4	2	2	2	
TOTAL Goals Conceded	94	102	126	168	211	134	130	160	101	104	
Goals Against Per Game	2.24	2.55	3.07	3.82	5.02	3.27	3.17	4.10	2.53	2.60	
Shots For P1	605	503	431	470	434	501	436	417	439	436	
Shots For P2	563	504	469	514	401	513	439	405	438	481	
Shots For P3	548	463	442	483	350	442	366	430	387	458	
Shots For OT	14	3	22	12	6	1	17	8	15	11	
TOTAL Shots For	1730	1473	1364	1479	1191	1457	1258	1260	1279	1386	
Shots for Per Game	41.19	36.83	33.27	33.61	28.36	35.54	30.68	32.31	31.98	34.65	
Shots Against P1	337	414	514	545	590	423	437	475	437	473	
Shots Against P2	413	435	482	553	630	427	463	472	442	380	
Shots Against P3	415	406	416	468	562	407	426	415	436	357	
Shots Against OT	14	10	19	15	12	3	8	7	14	12	
TOTAL Shots Against	1179	1265	1431	1581	1794	1260	1334	1369	1329	1222	
Shots Against Per Game	28.07	31.63	34.90	35.93	42.71	30.73	32.54	35.10	33.23	30.55	
League & Cup games played as at 20/01/2025											

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TWO NUMBER 26'S MOYER AND LIVINGSTON

This time's two players who wore the same jersey number are both from the Elite era and both spent time as Flyers' captain. One played two seasons, making over 100 appearances for Flyers and the other spent only one term at Kirkcaldy, in the Covid shortened 2019/20 season.

Russ Moyer was heading towards the end of his playing career when he signed for Flyers in the 2016/17 season, but was an integral part of the Flyers team that season and the following one, when Flyers won their only Elite League silverware to date.

A native of North Bay Ontario, Russ spent his junior career in Ottawa and played in over 200 games for the 67's. He was part of the OHL Championship winning squad of 2000/01 and following the end of his junior career he had four seasons at college, suiting up for over 100 games for Acadia University.

His pro career began in 2006/07 in the IHL with Muskegon Fury, then on to Odessa in the CHL before heading to Europe, for two seasons in Denmark and four in Sweden. 2015/16 brought him to the UK where he was part of Sheffield's Elite League winning side.

Russ made his Flyers debut in a pre-season game against EC Peiting from the German Third Division, in a game that Shane Owen also made his first Flyers start. The following weekend on 03/09/16 he got his first competitive Flyers point in his first competitive match with an assist on the fourth goal in a 5-2 win against Belfast in the Challenge Cup.



His first Flyers goal was the opener on 01/10/16 at home to Coventry in a 4-1 success. His contribution to the win was described in the FFP as "simply a rock on the blue line", which was an apt description of the vast majority of his performances in Flyers' colours. Flyers finished sixth that season with 25 wins from 52 games and lost the play-off quarter final, losing the first leg 2-4 away and then the return 1-4 in Kirkcaldy, a game in which he dislocated his shoulder.

This unfortunate end to his first season as a Flyer didn't seem to put him off as he signed on again for 2017/18. This season was to be one of Flyers' finest in the Elite era as the Gardiner Conference trophy was captured, winning the conference by ten clear points over Braehead Clan. The FFP published a great photo of team captain Russ with the trophy, alongside Jack Dryburgh and a Flyers' great from the Heineken days

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Danny Brown. Flyers' 7th place league finish meant a play-off pairing with shock troops Manchester who had defied the odds to end up as league runners up. The first leg was a disappointment for Flyers as Storm comfortably won 4-1 at Kirkcaldy. The second leg in Altrincham the following night was described by the FFP as "An Easter miracle" as Flyers won 5-1 in overtime to qualify for the finals weekend. Unfortunately Flyers were unable to deal with injuries to Evan Bloodoff and Ian Young, causing these two key players to miss the semi-final against Cardiff, who won 4-0. This meant Russ would make his final Flyers appearance in the 3rd/4th place game on 08/04/18. His last Flyers goal came in an impressive 6-2 win in Belfast on 17/03/18. Despite rumours that he would return for 18/19, Russ had played his last game as a Flyer and began a new career as a Police Officer back home in Canada. Russ Moyer was a key component in two entertaining and relatively successful seasons for Flyers and it would have been interesting to have seen him in Flyers' colours earlier in his career.

Another No26 who had a spell as Flyers' captain was James Livingston, who played his only year for the team in the Covid shortened 2019/20 season and in my view was a player who I believed could have contributed more.

He had played his junior hockey in the OHL with Sault Ste Marie and Plymouth before jumping to the AHL in 2011/12. Over the next four seasons he played in over 200 AHL contests as well as 55 in the ECHL, then headed to Europe for two seasons in Austria and 1-1/2 in Germany.

Part way through 18/19 season he moved to Cardiff, but his production was fairly low, 2+6 in 25 league and play-off games. He moved to Flyers and unfortunately put up similar numbers in a Flyers' jersey. He made his competitive debut on 07/09/19 in a 2-3 Challenge Cup defeat at home to Glasgow and got the first of his eight competitive goals in the return fixture on 05/10/19, another 2-3 reversal.



By the time Covid restrictions ended the season, Flyers had endured a 14 game losing streak and were bottom of the table with only 15 wins from 49 starts in the league. Livingston made his last Flyers appearance in a 1-3 defeat at Belfast. He scored his final goal as a Flyer away to Manchester on 09/02/20, a game that Flyers won 4-3 after a penalty shoot-out.

As UK hockey shut down for a season, he played in Slovakia, followed by spells with teams in Austria, Denmark and has been in Italy the last two seasons. James Livingston had what could be described as a fairly low key time as a Flyer, even as captain and didn't quite meet the expectations hoped for from a player who had played at the level below the NHL in North America.

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We conclude our look at the section of the rulebook dealing with Game Flow which is covered by Rules 76 to 87. In this part it's rules 84 to 87

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

RULE 84 OVERTIME OPERATIONS

84.1 OVERTIME OPERATIONS – ROUND ROBIN OR PRELIMINARY ROUND GAME

If at the end of the three (3) regular twenty (20) minutes periods in a single Round Robin IIHF Championship or the Preliminary Round of a top category IIHF Championship, the two (2) playing Teams are tied, the Teams will then play a "sudden death" Overtime period of not more than five (5) minutes with the Team scoring first declared the winner. The Overtime period shall be played with each Team at a numerical strength of three (3) Skaters and one (1) Goalkeeper. The Overtime period will commence following a three-minute (3) intermission during which time a "shovelling" of the ice surface by arena personnel will be performed utilizing the same procedure as during "television commercial breaks". Once the intermission has been completed, the clock will be reset to 5:00 minutes and the Overtime period will begin immediately. Teams will not change ends. The players will remain at their respective Players' Benches during the 3-minute (3) intermission in which the "shovelling" of the ice surface takes place. Goalkeepers must go to their respective Players' Benches during this rest period; however, penalized Players must remain in the Penalty Box. Should a penalized Player exit the Penalty Box, they shall be returned immediately by the Game Officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless they commit an infraction of any other rule. Teams are not permitted to return to the Dressing Room during this time.

84.2 OVERTIME EXTRA ATTACKER

A Team shall be allowed to pull its Goalkeeper in favour of an additional Skater in the Overtime period.

84.3 OVERTIME PENALTIES

When regulation time ends, and the Teams are 5 on 3, teams will start the Overtime period with 5 on 3. Once player strength reaches 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3 or 3 on 3, as appropriate. When regulation time ends, and Teams are 4 on 4 Teams will start Overtime 3 on 3. Once Player strength reaches 4 on 4, at the next stoppage Player strength is adjusted to 3 on 3 as appropriate. If at the end of regulation time Teams are 3 on 3, Overtime starts 3 on 3. Once Player strength reaches 4 on 4, 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage player strength is adjusted to 3 on 3 or 4 on 3 as appropriate. At no time will a Team have less than three (3) Skaters on the ice. This may require a fourth (4th) and/or fifth (5th) Skater to be added in the event penalties are assessed. If a Team is penalized in Overtime, Teams play 4 on 3. If both Teams are penalized with Minor Penalties at the same stoppage of play (with no other penalties in effect), Teams will continue to play 3 on 3. In Overtime, if a team is penalized such that a two-man (2) advantage is called for, then the offending Team will remain at three (3) Skaters while the non-offending Team will be permitted five (5) Skaters. At the first stoppage of play after the two-man (2) advantage is no longer in effect, the "numerical strength" of the Teams will revert back to 4 on 3 or 3 on 3, as appropriate.

84.4 PENALTY SHOT SHOOTOUT PROCEDURE

If following the completion of regulation time in any IIHF Championship game and the score of the game is tied, the Teams will then play an Overtime period with a maximum duration and number of players as specified in this rule with the Team scoring first declared the winner. If no goal is scored in the Overtime period, then the IIHF Penalty Shot Shootout Procedure will apply. The following procedure will be utilised:

(I) Shots will be taken at both ends of the ice surface. The fourteen (14) meter wide longitudinal center section of the Rink, between the Face-off Spots in the Neutral and End Zones, will be dry-scraped by the ice-resurfacing machine prior to the Penalty Shot Shootout during the time required to organize the program accordingly.

(II) The procedure will begin with five (5) different shooters from each Team taking alternate shots. The Skaters do not need to be named beforehand. Eligible to participate in the "Penalty Shot" Shootout will be all Players from both Teams listed on the Official Game Sheet except as specified in article 3 below.

(III) Any Skater whose penalty had not been completed when the Overtime period ended is not eligible to be one of the Players selected to take the shots and must remain in the Penalty Box or in the Dressing Room. Also, Players serving penalties assessed during the "Penalty Shot" Shootout must remain in the Penalty Box or in the Dressing Room until the end of the procedure.



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(IV) The Referee will call the two Captains to the On-ice Officials' Crease and flip a coin to determine which Team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether their Team will shoot first or second.

(V) The Goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the Overtime period and remain in the goal when their own team is taking a shot.

(VI) The Goalkeepers from each Team may be changed after each shot.

(VII) The shots will be taken in accordance with Rule 24 – Penalty Shot

(VIII) The Players of both Teams will take the shots alternately until a decisive goal is scored. The remaining shots will not be taken.

(IX) If the score is still tied after all shots are taken by each Team, the procedure shall continue with a "tiebreak shoot-out", using the same or new Players. The Team that shot second in the first five Penalty Shot will start first in the "tie-break shots". The game shall be finished as soon as a duel of two Players brings the decisive result. The same Player can be used for each shot by a Team in the "tie-break shoot-out".

(X) The Official Scorekeeper will record all shots taken, indicating the Players and goals scored.

(XI) Only the decisive goal will count in the result of the game. It shall be credited to the Team that scored the goal and charged against the Team that was scored upon.

(XII) If a Team declines to participate in the "Penalty Shot" Shootout, the game will be declared as a loss for that Team and the other Team will be awarded 3 points for a win. If a Player declines to take a shot it will be declared "no score" for their Team.

84.5 OVERTIME OPERATIONS – PLAYOFF GAMES AND BRONZE MEDAL GAMES

If at the end of the three (3) regular twenty (20) minutes periods in a Playoff Game, a Relegation Round Game, a Classification Round Game or in a Bronze Medal Game and the two playing teams are tied, the teams will then play a 'sudden death' overtime period of not more than 10 minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) Goalkeeper. The overtime period will commence following a three-minute intermission during which time a shovelling of the ice surface will be performed by arena personnel utilizing the same procedure as during television time-outs. Once the intermission has been completed, the clock will be reset to 10:00 minutes and the overtime period will begin immediately. Teams will not change ends. The players will remain at their respective player benches during the 3-minute intermission in which the shovelling of the ice surface takes place. Goalkeepers must go to their respective players' benches during this rest period; however, penalized players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalised player exit the penalty bench, the player shall be returned immediately by the game officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless the player commits an infraction of any other rule. Teams are not permitted to return to the dressing room during this time.

84.6 OVERTIME OPERATIONS – GOLD MEDAL GAME

If at the end of the three (3) regular twenty (20) minutes periods in a Gold Medal Game of a top category championship and the two playing teams are tied, the teams will then play a 'sudden death' overtime with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period(s) shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) Goalkeeper. The overtime period will commence following an ice resurfacing during a 15-minute intermission where the teams will return to their dressing room before the start of the overtime period. Teams will not change ends. If at the end of the first overtime period the two playing teams are still tied, the teams will then continue to play a second overtime period following an ice resurfacing during a 15-minute intermission where the teams will return to their dressing room before the start of the 2nd overtime period. Teams will change ends. If at the end of the 2nd overtime period the two playing teams are still tied, the teams will then continue to play a third overtime period following an ice resurfacing during a 15-minute intermission where the teams will return to their dressing room before the start of the 3rd overtime period. Teams will change ends. This procedure will go on until a winner is declared.

RULE 85 PUCK OUT OF BOUNDS

85.1 PUCK OUT OF BOUNDS

When a puck goes outside the playing area at either end or either side of the Rink, strikes any obstacles above the playing surface other than the Boards or Protective Glass, causes the glass, lighting, timing device or the supports to break, it shall be "faced-off" at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from where it was



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shot or deflected out of play. Should the On-ice Officials rule that the shot or deflection that caused the puck to go out of play originated from the neutral or Defending Zones, the resulting “face-off” location shall be the nearest Face-off Spot closest to the origin of the shot or deflection that gives the offending Team the least amount of “territorial advantage”. If the puck comes to rest on top of the Boards surrounding the playing area, it shall be considered to be in play and may be played legally by hand or stick. When the puck goes outside the playing area directly off the “face-off”, regardless as to which Player may have last contacted the puck, the “face-off” shall remain in the same spot and no penalty will be assessed to either Team for delaying the game. When the puck is shot and it makes contact with the gloves or the body of a Player hanging over the Players’ Bench, or if the puck enters the Players’ Bench through an open bench door, the “face-off” shall take place at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from where the puck was shot, however, if the puck hits an opposing Player’s glove or body that is hanging over the opposing Team’s Players’ Bench or enters the opposing Team’s Players’ Bench through an open bench door, the “face-off” shall take place in the Neutral Zone adjacent to the opponent’s Players’ Bench. Should the puck strike the curved glass located at the end of either Players’ Bench, play shall be stopped when observed by any of the On-ice Officials. The ensuing “face-off” shall be determined as if the puck went outside the playing area. Should the puck strike the spectator netting at the ends and the corners of the arena, play shall be stopped, and the ensuing “face off” shall be determined as if the puck went outside the playing area. Players must not stop playing the game until they hear the whistle to do so.

85.2 PUCK UNPLAYABLE

When the puck becomes lodged in the netting on the outside of either goal so as to make it “unplayable”, or if it is “frozen” between opposing Players intentionally or otherwise, the Referee shall stop the play. The puck may be played off the goal netting by either Team. However, should the puck remain on the goal netting for more than three (3) seconds, play shall be stopped. Should the Goalkeeper use their stick or glove to “freeze” the puck on the back of the net or should a defending Player shield an attacking Player from playing the puck off the back of the net, the “face-off” shall take place at one of the Face-off Spots in the Defending Zone. Should the puck go under the goal either from behind or the side, or through the mesh from behind or the side, if this is witnessed by an On-ice Official, play should be stopped immediately, and the ensuing “face-off” should take place at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone nearest to the location where the play was stopped.

85.3 PUCK OUT OF SIGHT

Should a scramble take place, or a Player accidentally fall on the puck and the puck be out of sight of the Referee, they shall immediately blow their whistle and stop the play. The puck shall then be “faced-off” at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where the play was stopped unless otherwise provided for in the rules.

85.4 PUCK STRIKING OFFICIAL

Play shall not be stopped if the puck touches an On-ice Official anywhere on the Rink, regardless of whether a Team is “short-handed” or not. A puck that deflects back into the Defending Zone off an On-ice Official who is in the Neutral Zone, will be deemed to be “off-side”. Rule 83 – Off-side. The puck striking or deflecting off an On-ice Official does not automatically nullify a “potential icing”. When a puck deflects off an On-ice Official and goes out of play, the ensuing “face-off” will take place at the Face-off Spot in the zone nearest to where the puck deflected off the Official. If a goal is scored as a result of being deflected directly into the net off an On-ice Official, the goal shall not be allowed.

85.5 FACE-OFF LOCATION

Should any Player cause the puck to go out of play or become “unplayable” in any zone, the “face-off” shall take place at the Face-off Spot in the zone from which the puck was shot. If deflected out of play, at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone where it deflected out of play. If this stoppage is caused by an attacking player in the attacking zone, the face-off will take place at the closest face-off spot in the attacking zone (if the player did not make an infraction as per Rule 63 – delaying the game) If the zone happens to be the Neutral Zone, the Face-off Spot selected shall be the one that gives the offending Team the least amount of “territorial advantage”. For a puck that is “unplayable” due to being lodged in the netting or as a result of it being “frozen” between opposing Players, the resulting “face-off” shall be at either of the adjacent Face-off Spots or at the nearest Face-off Spot in the zone from which the puck was shot, unless otherwise covered in these rules. If the attacking Team shoots the puck into the zone and a “Delayed Off-side” is indicated, or if the attacking Team commits a game flow infraction such as contacting the puck with a “high-stick” or



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“batting the puck with a glove” (causing a stoppage of play), the ensuing “face-off” shall be in the Neutral Zone outside the offending Team’s Attacking Zone.

85.6 MINOR PENALTY

A Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” shall be imposed on a Goalkeeper who “deliberately” drops the puck on the goal netting to cause a stoppage of play. Rule 67.3 – Handling the Puck.

85.7 VERIFICATION OF TIME

Any loss of time on the game or penalty clocks due to the puck going out of play must be replaced. The Video Goal Consultant may be consulted to ensure the time is accurately replaced. Rule 37.6 – Video Review to verify time on clock

RULE 86 START OF GAME AND PERIODS

86.1 START OF GAME AND PERIODS

In game facilities during IIHF Championship events where the participating Teams enter and depart the ice surface using the same common door and hallway system, the procedure is proposed to ensure that the Teams enter and depart the ice surface in an orderly fashion and without incident. The game clock will be the only timing device used in the timing of all activities including the “pre-game warm-up”, the period intermissions and the actual game itself. The game shall be commenced at the time scheduled by a “face-off” in the Center of the Rink and shall be renewed promptly at the conclusion of each intermission in the same manner.

86.2 BENCH MINOR PENALTY

A Bench Minor Penalty for “Delay of Game” shall be imposed on either or both Teams if:

- (I) They are not on the ice or can be seen proceeding to the ice to start the second, third or any Overtime period when the intermission time on the clock has expired.
- (II) At the start of the second, third and any Overtime period, all Players with the exception of the starting Players must proceed directly to their respective Players’ Benches. Skating, warm-ups or on-ice activities by non-starters is not permitted.
- (III) When the visiting Team must proceed by the way of the ice to their Dressing Room at the end of a period, they must wait for a signal from one of the Officials before proceeding. Failure to wait for the Official’s signal shall result in a penalty.

86.3 CHOICE OF ENDS

If not specified by the organizing bodies, the Home Team shall have the choice of the goal to defend at the start of the game. The Teams shall change ends for each period of regulation time.

86.4 DELAYS

No delay shall be permitted by reason of any ceremony, exhibition, demonstration or presentation unless approved by the IIHF.

86.5 END OF PERIODS

At the conclusion of the first and second periods, upon hearing the buzzer, the away team will return to its players’ bench and remain there until the entire home team has departed the ice surface and entered the common hallway. Once the last player of the home team has entered the common hallway, then the Referee will motion the away team to leave the ice surface. As soon as the buzzer sounds, signalling the end of the period, the game clock will be immediately re-set with the appropriate intermission time frame. Players shall not be permitted to come on the ice during a stoppage of play or at the end of the first and second periods for the purpose of warming-up. The Referee will report any violation of this rule to the Proper Authorities for disciplinary action.

86.6 PRE-GAME WARM-UP

During the pre-game warm-up (which shall not exceed 15 minutes in duration) and before the commencement of play in any period, each Team shall confine its activity to its own end of the Rink. Rule 46.10 – Fighting Prior the Drop of the Puck. The Game Timekeeper shall be responsible for signalling the commencement and termination of the pre-game warm-up and any violation of this rule by the Players shall be reported to the Proper Authorities. 20 minutes before the time scheduled for the start of the game, both Teams shall vacate the ice and proceed to their Dressing Rooms while the ice is being flooded. Both Teams shall be signalled by the Game Timekeeper to return to the ice together in time for the scheduled start of the game.



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86.7 START OF GAME

If a Team does not appear on the ice on time at the start of the game without justification, this incident will be reported to the Proper Authorities. If deemed appropriate, Supplementary Discipline can be applied by the Proper Authorities at their discretion Rule 28 – Supplementary Discipline

86.8 START OF PERIODS

At the beginning of the second and third periods, and Overtime periods in playoffs (0:00 on the clock), Teams must be on the ice or be observed to be proceeding to the ice. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a Bench Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game". Before the start of the second and third periods (and Overtime) the Teams will proceed directly to their respective Players' Benches. The visiting Team will immediately place its Skaters at the Face-off Circle, then the Home Team will follow, with the Referee allowing the Home Team to make a line change if so desired prior to the "face-off". Skating, warm-ups, or on-ice activities by non-starters will result in a Bench Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game" to the offending Team. No warm-up involving pucks on the ice shall be permitted for a Goalkeeper at the start of any period. If, after one warning, this continues, the Referee shall assess a "Delay of Game" penalty to the offending Team. To notify the teams that it is time to return to the ice surface at the beginning of each period, the official game Timekeeper will sound a buzzer in the Dressing Room area.

86.9 CONCLUSION OF THE GAME

At the conclusion of the game, the losing Team will depart the ice surface first, with the winning Team waiting on the ice until the losing Team has left the ice surface. Once the last player of the losing Team has entered the common hallway, then the Referee will motion the winning team to leave the ice surface. The Directorate may agree on an adaptation to this regulation taking into consideration the positions of the Dressing Rooms of the two competing Teams.

RULE 87 TIME-OUTS

87.1 TIME-OUT

Each Team shall be permitted to take one thirty-second (30 s) "time-out" during the course of any game. All Players including Goalkeepers on the ice at the time of the "time-out" will be allowed to go to their respective benches. This "time-out" must be taken during a normal stoppage of play. Only one "time-out" ("television commercial break / power break" or Team "time-out"), shall be permitted at any one stoppage of play. For the purpose of this rule, a "television commercial break" is deemed an "official time-out" and not charged to either Team. Any Player designated by the Coach or the Coach will indicate to the Referee that their Team is exercising its option. The "time-out" must be requested by the team before the Referee has completed the players change procedure, before the Referee lowers his hand and points to the respecting face-off location. The Referee will report the "time-out" to the Game Timekeeper who shall be responsible for signalling the termination of the "time-out". No "time-out" shall be granted following a "face-off" violation. No "time-out" shall be granted to the defensive Team following an icing, following the Goalkeeper causing a stoppage of play from a shoot-in from beyond the center red line, or when a defending Player accidentally dislodges the net causing a stoppage of play. No "time-out" shall be granted when a "Penalty Shot" has been awarded to either Team by the Referee, once instructions have been given to the Player taking the shot and the Goalkeeper defending the shot. No "time-out" will be granted during the shootout. No warm-up involving pucks on the ice shall be permitted for a Goalkeeper or replacement Goalkeeper during a "time-out". If, after one warning, this continues, the Referee shall assess a "Delay of Game" penalty to the offending Team.

87.2 COMMERCIAL BREAK

During each regular period of the games in an IIHF Championship there shall be a maximum of three (3) commercial breaks, each with a maximum duration of seventy (70) seconds but can be subject to change for specific events. Commercial breaks shall be taken at the first stoppage of play after the following times on the game clock as it counts down:

- (I) Break number 1: 14.00 (min.)
- (II) Break number 2: 10.00 (min.)
- (III) Break number 3: 06.00 (min.)

Despite the above indicated time slots, commercial breaks shall not be taken if:

- a) A goal is scored;
- b) A penalty shot is called;
- c) One of the Teams is playing short-handed;



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- d) A fight breaks out on ice;
- e) An icing infraction is called;
- f) The net is dislodged accidentally by a defending player (incl. goalkeeper); and
- g) The puck is shot into the end zone from beyond the center red line and the goalkeeper freezes the puck resulting in a stoppage of play.

Exceptions from point e-g above is when a penalty or penalties are assessed in the stoppage that affects the on-ice strength of either team. In the event that a commercial break is not taken during the time slot prescribed above, because of the exceptions above, the missed commercial opportunity shall be made up at the first stoppage of play in the next commercial break time slot. If there is another incident where the second commercial break is missed, this procedure shall continue to repeat itself until all commercial breaks are taken. However, there must always be at least 60 seconds between two commercial breaks. Any extra commercial break taken during a time slot shall follow the procedure described above and they shall be eliminated from the last remaining time slot of that period. They shall not be used to create extra commercial inventory for broadcasters. However, in such instances, the Commercial Coordinator will be instructed to turn on the light and signal the truck that an optional commercial opportunity is being taken. No commercial breaks shall be taken in the final thirty (30) seconds of the first and second periods, as well as during the final two (2) minutes of the third period. No commercial breaks shall be granted during overtime. The Teams shall comply with the following provisions during commercial breaks:

- a) Goalkeepers will be allowed to go to their respective players' bench.
- b) Teams are allowed to change lines once the referee blows the whistle signalling the teams to return to the face-off with 20 seconds remaining in the commercial stoppage.
- c) These line changes will follow the same protocol as a normal line change during a stoppage of play.

87.3 GOAL BREAK

Immediately after a goal, there is a 45-second 'goal break'. This break is for the broadcaster to show replays of the goal and for the defending team to decide whether to initiate a coach's challenge (if Rule 38 is used in the game)

EIHL ADDENDUM

RULE 84-OVERTIME

84.1 Overtime Operations

Overtime follows the third period when the score is tied after 60 minutes of regulation time and can consist of a 5-minute period, 10-minute period, or 20-minute period. In each case, these periods are played on a sudden-death basis (next goal wins). The penalty-shot shootout consists of five shots per team (if needed) followed by a sudden death, penalty-shot shootout if the score in the shootout is tied after five shots.

- ***Regular Season- 5-minute overtime period***
- ***Challenge Cup Group Stage- 5-minute overtime period***
 - o ***Play-In Game-10minutes overtime period***
- ***Challenge Cup Semi Finals- 10-minute overtime period only if the score is tied on aggregate at the end of the 2nd Leg***
- ***Challenge Cup Final- 20-minute overtime periods***
- ***Playoff Quarterfinals- 5-minute overtime period only if the score is tied on aggregate at the end of the 2nd Leg***
- ***Playoff Semi Final- 10-minute overtime period***
- ***Playoff 3 v4-10-minute overtime period***
- ***Playoff Final- Re-occurring Sudden Death 20-minute overtime period.***

(1) Overtime- Regular-season and Challenge Cup group stages- If, at the end of the three (3) regular twenty (20) minute periods, the score shall be tied, each team shall be awarded one point in the League / Challenge Cup Group standings. The teams will then play an additional overtime period of not more than five (5) minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner and awarded an additional point. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender. Additional penalties to be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. The overtime period will



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commence following a 1-minute break. The ice will not be dry scraped at this break. The players will remain at their respective benches. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period (defend same goal as in the 3rd period). Goaltenders may go to their respective players' benches during this rest period, however, penalised players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalised player exit the penalty bench, he shall be returned immediately by the officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any rule.

(2) Overtime– Playoff Quarter Finals

a. These games are all played on the basis of aggregate scores, therefore there will be no Overtime played at the end of the first leg regardless of score.

b. If, at the end of the second game after six (6) regular twenty (20) minute periods, the aggregate score shall be tied, the teams will then play an additional overtime period of not more than five (5) minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender. Additional penalties to be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. The overtime period will commence following a 1-minute break. The ice will not be dry scraped at this break. The players will remain at their respective benches. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period (defend same goal as in the 3rd period). Goaltenders may go to their respective players' benches during this rest period, however, penalised players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalised player exit the penalty bench, he shall be returned immediately by the officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any rule.

(3) Overtime– Playoff Semi Final and Bronze Medal Game, Cup Semi-Finals– At Playoff Finals Weekend (POFW) *In either a semifinal or Bronze Medal Game, or in a Cup Semi-Final based on the aggregate score, when a game is tied after three (3) twenty (20) minute regular periods of play, the teams will then play an additional overtime period of not more than ten (10) minutes with the team scoring first declared the winner. The overtime period shall be played with each team at a numerical strength of three (3) skaters and one (1) goaltender. Additional penalties to be assessed consistent with the rules in regulation time. The overtime period will commence following a 1-minute break. The ice will not be dry scraped at this break. The players will remain at their respective benches. The teams will not change ends for the overtime period (defend same goal as in the 3rd period). Goaltenders may go to their respective players' benches during this rest period, however, penalised players must remain on the penalty bench. Should a penalised player exit the penalty bench, he shall be returned immediately by the officials with no additional penalty being assessed, unless he commits an infraction of any rule.*

(4) Overtime– All competitions with the exception of the Challenge Cup Final and Playoff Final – Penalties – *When regulation time ends and the teams are 5 on 3, teams will start overtime 5 on 3. Once player strength reaches 5 on 4 or 5 on 5, at the next stoppage of play, player strength is adjusted to 4 on 3, 4 on 4, or 3 on 3, as appropriate. When regulation ends and teams are 4 on 4 teams will start overtime 3 on 3. If at the end of regulation time teams are three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters, overtime starts three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters. Once player strength reaches five (5) skaters on four (4) skaters or five (5) skaters on five (5) skaters, at the next stoppage player strength is adjusted to four (4) skaters on three (3) skaters, four (4) skaters on four (4) skaters, or three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters, as appropriate. At no time will a team have less than three players on the ice. This may require a fourth and/or fifth skater to be added in the event penalties are assessed. If a team is penalised in overtime, teams play four (4) skaters against three (3) skaters. If both teams are penalised with minor penalties at the same stoppage of play, with no other penalties in effect, teams will play three (3) skaters against three (3) skaters. In overtime, if a team is penalised such that a two-man advantage is called for, then the offending team will remain at three (3) skaters while the non-offending team will be permitted a fifth skater. At the first stoppage of play after the two-man advantage is no longer in effect, the numerical strength of the team will revert back to either four (4) skaters on four (4) skaters, four (4) skaters on three (3) skaters, or a three (3) skaters on three (3) skaters' situation, as appropriate.*



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(5) Overtime– Challenge Cup Final and Playoff Final– In the EIHL Challenge Cup Final and Playoff Final, when a game is tied after three (3) twenty (20) minute regular periods of play, the teams shall take a normal intermission (fifteen (15) or Eighteen (18) minutes) and resume playing twenty (20) minute periods (with a normal intermission each subsequent OT period), changing ends for the start of each overtime period. The team scoring the first goal in overtime shall be declared the winner of the game. The ice is to be resurfaced at the end of regulation time and after each additional 20-minute period.

84.4 “Penalty Shot” Shootout procedure– Round robin or preliminary Round Game

A penalty shootout consists of Five (5) Shooters. If a game remains without a winner after 60 minutes and the ensuing five (5) or ten (10) minute overtime (length of overtime period is dependent upon the competition as detailed above) the outcome of the game is decided with a shoot-out. The rules governing the shoot-out shall be the same as those listed in the Penalty shot procedure in the IIHF-Rulebook.

(I) Shots will be taken at both ends of the ice surface. The fourteen (14) metre wide longitudinal centre section of the Rink, between the Face-off Spots in the Neutral and End Zones, will be dry- scraped by the ice-resurfacing machine prior to the Penalty Shot Shootout during the time required to organise the program accordingly EIHL– The dry scrape is not required unless it is in Playoffs

(IV) The Referee will call the two Captains to the On-ice Officials’ Crease and flip a coin to determine which Team takes the first shot. The winner of the coin toss will have the choice whether their Team will shoot first or second.

EIHL– In all competitive EIHL Games the Home Team shall have the choice to shoot first or second. If the shootout progresses to sudden death shootout, the order reverses as per IIHF rule 84.4 ix:

(V) The Goalkeepers shall defend the same goal as in the Overtime period and remain in the goal when their own team is taking a shot.

EIHL– The shooting teams’ goaltender may remain on the ice at his respective end zone. The shooting teams’ goaltender may not make any attempt to distract or interfere with the procedure of the shot in an attempt to take the attention away from the goaltender being shot on. If, while the penalty shot or shootout is being taken, any player, goaltender, Coach or non-playing Club personnel of the team taking the shot shall have by some action interfered with or distracted the goaltender defending the shot and, because of such action, the shot was successful, the Referee shall rule NO goal and shall impose a misconduct penalty.

84.5 Overtime Operations and Penalty Shootout procedure– Playoff Games and Medal Games

See above 84.1 Overtime Operations

RULE 86–START OF GAME AND PERIODS

86.6 Pre-Game Warm-Up

During the pre-game warm-up (which shall not exceed 15 minutes in duration) and before the commencement of play in any period, each Team shall confine its activity to its own end of the Rink.

EIHL– warm-up (which shall not exceed 20 minutes in duration)

Note: Warmup is to be recorded and uploaded as part of the match night footage given to the league and officials.

i. Physical contact between players on opposing teams is not allowed during the warmup and players are not allowed to skate over the centre red line during this time. Violations of these rules will be handled by the standby referee who oversees the warmup.

ii. Any violations of game rules that occur during the warmup cannot be enforced by on-ice officials because they are not on the ice to witness the violations first-hand, but these may be reviewed after the game by the proper authorities.

For any violation during the Warm Up leaves players, team officials and the clubs will be subjected to a suspension and/or fine under the EIHL Penalty Fines Catalogue. In addition, the Head Coach of the team who instigated (started) or provoked such activity is subject to a suspension or fine to the respective club. Referees are authorised to call all penalties provided for in the rule book from the start of warm-up time until 30 minutes after the end of the game, if they see the offence take place. In the case of incidents outside of this period, the main referee must submit a report to the Department of Player Safety and the Head of Hockey Operations.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Flyers have the honour of being the first team to meet with the newest Continental Cup winners when Cardiff Devils visit the Auld Barn on Saturday. The competition may have its knockers and with Katowice missing four players due to paperwork issues and one team having dropped out of the finals weekend there were distractions and murmurs around about the validity of it all. Devils had to go through significant pain to get to the finals weekend and also win both games last weekend to secure the trophy.

Given their liking for merch (big chains and all that) I am hoping to see celebratory sandwich platters on sale down in Wales to stimulate some vigorous hockey conversation over a pile of coronation chicken sandwiches. If they play their cards right they could merch the chain and platter together as a pull chain and toilet lid – just one trophy away from a full flush and being able to market a Devils Dunnie. Steelers will be raging that they haven't thought of that.

Anyway, warmest of congratulations to Pete Russell and his squad.

Back to the action and Flyers have a potential road trip on Friday to contend with first, I say potential as there is an amber wind warning in place with a potential for transport interruptions as well as the potential for loss of power etc. As it's looking particularly nasty through in Renfrewshire, adding an amber weather warning to that may cause additional safety concerns. Watch this space, well, probably best to watch the weather, roads and fixture related spaces.

Clan find themselves in seventh place, nine points adrift of Flames in sixth so money well spent there again eh? They are only five points clear of ninth placed Manchester who had the rug whipped out from under their skates by Flyers last weekend. If Flyers could return the favour to Storm and whip the aforementioned tweedy floor covering from under Clan's skates that would be fab.

Clan did have a midweek match against Panthers in the Challenge Cup, though I'm not sure which season's trophy is currently being played for. I wouldn't be surprised to see the winners face the 1992 Bracknell Bees' squad in the next round (and struggle).

No doubt Devils will not be taking Flyers lightly after Flyers' morale boosting win down in Manchester especially since Flyers followed that up by taking a run at Panthers last Sunday only for Panthers to complete two ridiculous smash and grabs in back-to-back games absolutely stealing four points on a weekend which had Stewy's mood flip flopping between angry man and happy little peanut from shift to shift. Positives from both games last weekend being seven goals scored with five different scorers bulging the twine. A rare double for Mike Cichy on Saturday, including one on the powerplay, helped start the Flyers comeback in that game whilst three goals without response in the last ten minutes of the match put a rubber stamp on the reason for giving everything right up to the final whistle.

On Sunday Kieran Craig's individual effort scored after just sheer determination on the penalty kill as he battled to the Panthers net before sinking his own rebound was a thing of beauty and Massimo Carozza's strike was as sweet a shot as you will see and a well-deserved goal for him as he has played out his skin recently.

It was a two-point weekend that deserved to be more but the manner in which the team conducted themselves was more valuable than points alone, you could see the desire and determination in every shift and you could see confidence returning.

Arguably the game of this weekend will be the Sunday matchup between Cardiff and Belfast as they begin to duke it out for first place. Ideally, in an anybody but Steelers world, they will both gain points from that match and give us a healthy battle up until the end of the season whilst staying ahead of the pursuing pack. With twenty-four matches left and forty-eight points up for grabs Flyers are not yet out of any race. I mean, okay, perhaps the title race is a bit of a reach but if Flyers continue to come out swinging and take points of a few teams, especially Storm, Stars and Clan, then you just never know.

Have yourself a happy hockey weekend.

Darrian

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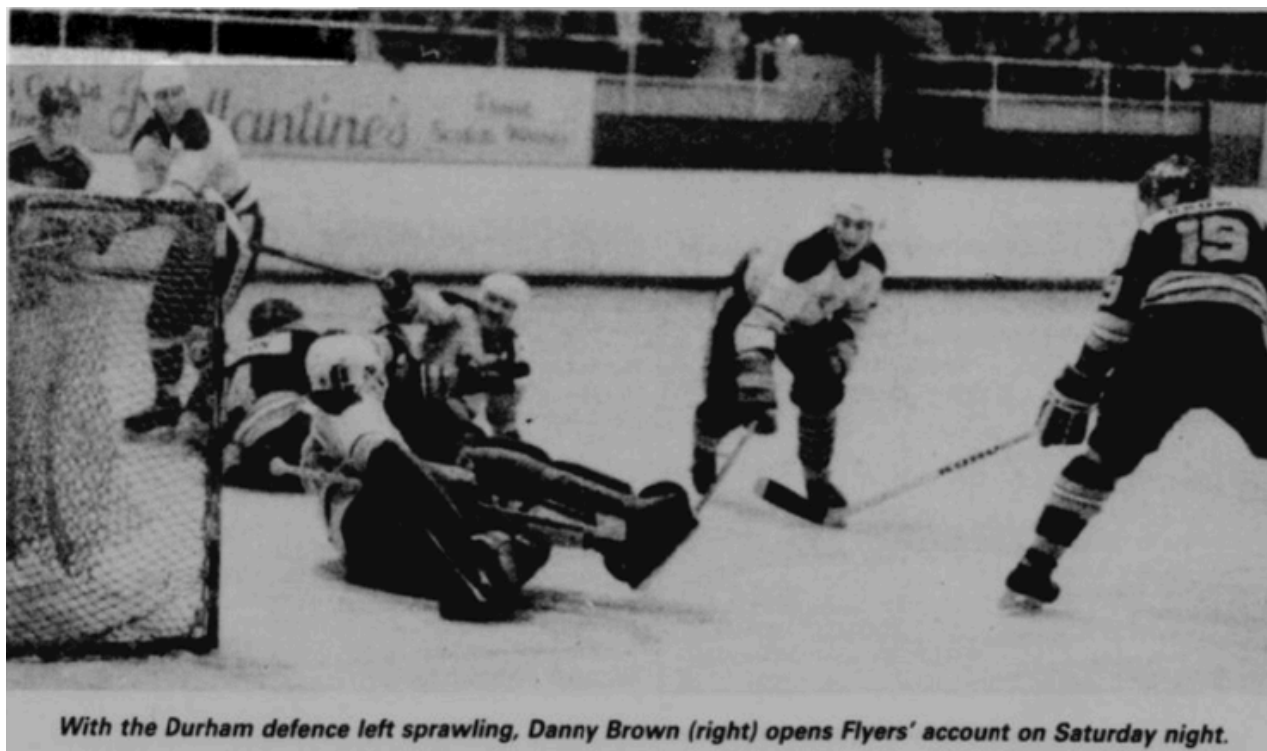
As the Heineken Premier League builds towards its climax, Fife Flyers are preparing for what is likely to be one of the most significant weekends of the season. At Kirkcaldy Ice Rink tomorrow night, Flyers take on Durham Wasps, the only side who could overtake them if they won their games in hand, while on Sunday they travel to meet fast-improving Ayr Bruins. A capacity crowd is expected for the visit of Durham, who are four points adrift of Flyers, but have played three games fewer. Flyers' player-coach Ron Plumb sees the number of matches lost as a more accurate indication of a team's true standing than looking at games in hand, and at the moment, Flyers, Durham and Murrayfield have all been beaten four times. "It is all very well having games in hand, but those matches have to be won," he said this week. Plumb will be emphasising the importance of good defence as the basis for success against both Durham and Ayr. "I was a little concerned at losing six goals to Whitley, and we must keep things tight at the back," he said. "If we play to our capabilities and take advantage of our scoring opportunities, I don't see why we can't win those games." Flyers, of course, have only played Ayr once in the league so far this season, and since then they have acquired the services of Canadian defenceman Steve Slaughter who has instigated something of a revival. Only last week, Bruins ended Dundee Rockets' proud boast of never having been beaten in a televised match, and they will prove a tough nut to crack. Flyers have no injury worries, but will again be without Jimmy Pennycook who is unavailable through work commitments. Incidentally, Dave Stoyanovich requires just six points from this weekend's games to bring up 200 points in all matches this season. Meanwhile, Ron Plumb is delighted at the inclusion of Craig Dickson and Gordon Goodsir in the British under-20 side for the World Junior 'C' Pool Championships in Belgium later this month. "It is a great boost for them, and it will help Fife Flyers by making them better players," he said. Tickets for Flyers' televised match against Murrayfield Racers on March 23 are disappearing fast, and fans are advised to buy quickly to avoid disappointment. Murrayfield have asked for an allocation of 400 tickets.

09/02/1985 Fife Flyers v Durham Wasps Premier League

Fife Flyers lost their 100 per cent. home record on Saturday night — but can consider themselves fortunate to have salvaged a point after Durham Wasps had established a 3-0 lead in the first period. It took a dramatic fightback by the Kirkcaldy side in the second period to wipe out that deficit but Wasps made it all square in Flyers' toughest home match of the season. Durham produced a robust, hard-hitting display, and the usually free-flowing Flyers were made to look lacklustre during the first period. Great Britain under-20 cap Stephen Johnston opened the scoring when he beat Andrew Donald from an acute angle, and four minutes later, Wasps' player-coach Paul Tilley took full advantage of a power play to make it 2-0. When Canadian forward Jamie Crapper stretched the Durham lead to three before the end of the period, Flyers' home record looked in serious jeopardy. However, a hooking penalty against O'Connor gave Danny Brown the chance to open Flyers' account, and just 19 seconds later, the huge crowd went wild as Brown sneaked the puck under Killen to make it 3-2. With Flyers really buzzing, the home fans raised the roof when Brown completed an eight-minute hat-trick to tie the score, but there was more drama to come as Dave Stoyanovich was brought down when clean through on goal, and calmly converted the resultant penalty shot himself to put the Kirkcaldy side ahead. Flyers were expected to take full control in the final period, especially with Crapper sitting out a 10 minute penalty. However, Durham's depths of resilience, and the brilliance of netminder Killen — signed only recently from Nottingham — kept the home side at bay. And the match was left all square as tiny winger Ivor Bennett broke clear to beat Donald and make it 4-4, Flyers tried desperately to retrieve the situation in the closing stages, but luck was not with them. Player-coach Ron Plumb was particularly unfortunate not to score with a deflected shot in the dying seconds. In the end, neither side was too unhappy with a share of the spoils after a fiercely contested match between the two best teams in Britain. It was the second successive draw between the sides, following last month's 5-5 result in Durham.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85



10/02/1985 Ayr Bruins v Fife Flyers Premier League

After their bruising encounter with Durham, Flyers travelled to Ayr on Sunday with a depleted squad — and were handed their biggest defeat of the season. The Kirkcaldy side did not have a recognised centre in their squad, with Gordon Latto and Danny Brown suffering from cracked ribs and a knee injury respectively, while defenceman Brian Peat also missed a game with a groin strain. The match was spoiled by some very inconsistent refereeing, and a combination of this and a lack of discipline from Flyers saw them accumulate 64 penalty minutes — their highest of the season. This included a gross misconduct penalty for Stuart Drummond after only seven minutes, and a match misconduct penalty for Dave Stoyanovich late in the game. With Flyers having to reshuffle their lines, it was no surprise that they should find themselves up against it in a physical period. On several occasions they were left skating two men short, but stout resistance from the defence and an outstanding display by Andrew Donald kept the scoresheet blank at the first buzzer. The second period continued in the same vein, however, and it was only a matter of time before Ayr went ahead. This they did exactly half way through the period when Bedard scored with Flyers again two men short. Five minutes later, Bedard added a second, and with two minutes of the period remaining, Kidd made it 3-0. Flyers' heads seemed to go down at this stage, and further goals by Wells and Bedard increased Bruins' lead before Andy Linton opened the visitors' account after good work by Chic Cottrell. The match boiled over shortly after with an incident between Ayr's Murphy and Flyers' Gary McEwan who had to leave the ice with a broken nose. Murphy was then given a match misconduct penalty after hurling his helmet and gloves at the Fife support. As tempers cooled, Bruins scored twice more through Slaughter, but Cottrell, Flyers' captain for the night, pulled one back with a superb short-handed goal. However, Ayr had the final say when Dailly netted with just two minutes remaining.

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.

If you can help with memorabilia or are wish to discuss further information on a sponsorship package, please email fifeflyershistorian@btinternet.com





KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Falcons continue to lead the way in the U19 league following a hard-fought 4-1 victory at Belfast Giants on Saturday.

The home side sat deep throughout the game, but goals by Jack McGowan, Cole Wallace, Ross Henderson and Harris Piotrowicz got the job done for the Falcons.

A shout-out to Fife Flames' player Lewis Blyth, who picked up the MVP award after producing a strong performance at U19 level.

Fife Phantoms were out of luck at Lanarkshire Lightning U14, with the home side showcasing their ability on the way to a comfortable win. Ryan Venters was the Phantoms' MVP.

Fife Redwings fared better in their U12 encounter at Murrayfield, claiming a 4-1 win. Mason Kelly (2) topped the scoring, while Danny McLean bagged the MVP prize.

At senior level, **Kirkcaldy Kestrels** kept themselves in contention for a top-three finish in the Scottish National League with a superb victory over Aberdeen Lynx on Saturday.

Scott Jamieson got the ball rolling with the opening goal in the 19th minute, laying the foundations for a strong performance in the second period.

Chris Wands, Josh Saunders, Finley King and Allan Anderson made it 5-0 during the middle session as the Kestrels stepped on the gas.

Joe Durkacz pulled one back for Lynx early in the third period, but the visitors never looked like reducing the deficit further.

The result moved the Kestrels two points behind third-placed Lynx with a game in hand. Dundee Rockets and Edinburgh Capitals fill the top two spots.

The Kestrels are back in action against the Capitals at Murrayfield Ice Rink on Saturday (6.30 pm).













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TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Belfast Giants	30	45	19	2	6	3	112	71	0.75	
Cardiff Devils	30	44	21	0	7	2	108	71	0.73	
Sheffield Steelers	30	40	19	1	10	0	119	74	0.67	
Nottingham Panthers	31	39	16	3	11	1	102	72	0.63	
Coventry Blaze	31	36	14	3	12	2	101	91	0.58	
Guildford Flames	30	35	14	2	11	3	100	94	0.58	
Glasgow Clan	29	26	11	2	16	0	85	100	0.45	
Dundee Stars	32	24	9	2	19	2	96	129	0.38	
Manchester Storm	29	21	9	1	18	1	90	119	0.36	
Fife Flyers	30	8	3	0	25	2	63	155	0.13	

As at 20th January 2025

WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
154	Wed	22-Jan-2025	Guildford Flames	Belfast Giants	19:30
CC	Wed	22-Jan-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Glasgow Clan	19:30
155	Fri	24-Jan-2025	Glasgow Clan	Fife Flyers	19:30
158	Fri	25-Jan-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Guildford Flames	19:30
156	Sat	25-Jan-2025	Belfast Giants	Coventry Blaze	19:00
157	Sat	25-Jan-2025	Dundee Stars	Glasgow Clan	19:00
159	Sat	25-Jan-2025	Sheffield Steelers	Manchester Storm	19:00
160	Sat	25-Jan-2025	Fife Flyers	Cardiff Devils	19:15
161	Sun	26-Jan-2025	Coventry Blaze	Dundee Stars	17:30
162	Sun	26-Jan-2025	Manchester Storm	Nottingham Panthers	17:30
163	Sun	26-Jan-2025	Cardiff Devils	Belfast Giants	18:00
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FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

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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
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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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