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SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025  
ELITE LEAGUE



# MATCH REPORT

Wednesday 5th March 2025				2		6	Elite League	
Period Scores 0-3, 1-2, 1-1								
Line ups	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✗	Joe Lynch	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓
	Jānis Voris	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	✗	Evan MacKinnon	✓
			Jonas Emmerdahl	✓	Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓		
	Ferguson	Refs	Rodger		Gibson	Lines men	Rodger	

Fife and Cardiff met for the final time this season with the Flyers looking to avoid a season sweep at the hands of the Devils. The Flyers were still without the injured Phélix Martineau, Patrick Kyte and Aiden Wilson with Cameron Kenny and James Spence also scratched. The visitors scratches were Mark Richardson, Reid Duke, Hunter Shinkaruk and Josh MacDonald.

The Flyers got off to a slow start as the visitors pounced for a couple of early goals. With 65 seconds on the clock defenceman Jarrod Gourley was down low on the play and from the side of the net he lifted a backhand shot that found space above Shane Owen's shoulder. Just 23 seconds later and the Devils doubled their lead when Owen made the initial save on a Ryan Barrow shot but the rebound fell to Bradley Schoonbaert who was around the net to clean up the garbage. The Flyers were under further pressure in the 4th minute when a cross ice pass resulted in a one timer from Joey Martin that Owen made a blocker save on and moments later he made an instinctive pad save as Brett Perlini tipped the puck goalwards from the slot. The Flyers eventually made Ben Bowns work in the 6th minute when the Devils keeper let a rebound out from a Kieran Craig shot and he had to look sharp as Lucas Chiodo on the follow up forced a fine reaction save. The first penalty of the game was handed the way of the Devils as Barrow sat for two minutes for slashing the stick. The Flyers couldn't get the play set up in the Devils zone and they easily completed the kill without a shot on Bowns. In the 12th minute Evan Mosey cruised down the slot and his wrist was turned away by Owen. Brodie Kay went end to end with the puck and his shot from the circles was blocked away by the Devils goalie. Ben Davies went to the net in the 14th minute but Owen shut him down. The Devils went on their first power play in the 17th minute when Tyler Heidt shot the puck over the glass for delay of game. Owen made a pad save on a Martin one timer but could do nothing to stop a shot from the slot on the turn from Perlini creeping in at his post to extend the visitors lead. With just 12 seconds remaining in the period the Flyers had the puck in the net when Jonas Emmerdahl floated the puck on the Devils net and Bowns failed to track it as it hit the top corner. The officials indicated a goal on the ice but on review reversed it and washed it out.

## PERIOD 2

The first chance of the second period went the way of the home side as Daniel Krenželok was denied by a toe save by Bowns. The Devils added another goal in the 24th minute with a swift counter transition and Cole Sanford picked the bottom corner on Owen. The Flyers had a let off in the 29th minute when they were guilty of a giveaway in their own zone and a tic tac toe play between Zach O'Brien and Kohen Olischefski saw the latter pull his shot wide of a gaping net with Owen dragged out of position.

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Heidt was in the box again in the 30th minute when he was guilty of a hook. The Devils made their man advantage count again when Owen made an initial save on a Martin shot but Perlini standing in the slot was able to force the rebound home. A minute later and Schoonbaert went close when his shot struck the outside of the post. Owen did well in the 36th minute to stop a mid-air bunt of the puck by Sam Duggan and as the puck went in behind the goalie he was able to find it again and cover up for a whistle. The Flyers got on the scoreboard in the 38th minute when they laid siege to the Devils net. Bowns made stops on Chiodo and Emmerdahl before Massimo Carozza fed the puck into the slot and Craig was able to redirect it past the Devils goalie.

## PERIOD 3

Into the third period and in the 42nd minute Martin walked out of the corner after the Flyers turned the puck over and he tried to go shelf on Owen who stayed tall and got a shoulder on the puck to make the save. Some neat interplay by Charles-Antoine Paiement and Evan MacKinnon set up a chance for Austin Farley but Bowns was sharp to make the stop. A minute later and the Devils returned to the power play as Paiement sat for slashing. Once again they took advantage as Mosey put the puck on net and Martin redirected it over Owen and into the top of the net. The Flyers grabbed a goal back in the 51st minute as Heidt lugged the puck down the right wing and he had Michael Cichy going to the net who he hit with a pas and the puck was stuffed underneath Bowns. In the 54th minute the Devils missed another open goal when Sam Duggan fluffed on a one timer after Owen was frozen on the play. A minute later and another gaping net was missed as Olishefski set up Gourley who could only hit glass behind the net. In the 56th minute Martin saw his shot from the shot ping the post before he tried to go five hole on Owen as he went to the net but the Flyers keeper shut the wickets. MacKinnon made a big shot block in the 57th minute and the Flyers finished the game on the power play as Olishefski got the gate for cross checking at 59 minutes. Bowns made a good save on Chiodo and in the last few ticks of the game the Devils survived a scramble around their net as time expired with Gourley and Paiement getting roughing minors from the scrum of players that ensued.

Flyers Stats					Devils Stats				
Shots For	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	Shots For	
For	Craig	Carozza	Chiodo	1	Gourley	Perlini	Martin	For	
<b>17</b>	Cichy	Heidt	LeBlanc	2	Schoonbaert	Barrow	Batch	<b>45</b>	
Shots				3	Perlini	Sanford	Mosey	Shots	
Against				4	Sanford	O'Brien	Olishefski	Against	
<b>45</b>				5	Perlini	Martin	O'Brien	<b>17</b>	
PiMS				6	Martin	Mosey	O'Brien	PiMS	
<b>8</b>				7				<b>6</b>	
				8					
<b>MOM</b>				9				<b>MOM</b>	
Craig				10				Perlini	



# DEVILS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



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# RETRO NIGHT 2025

*It was almost 40 years ago on 5th May 1985 that the Fife Flyers ice hockey team were 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 who were backed by a host of outstanding local players, widely regarded to this day as one of the most exciting ever teams seen at Fife Ice Arena.*

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# THE CLASS OF '85

This weekend the Flyers Retro Game pays tribute to the 1984/85 team that were crowned British Champions at Wembley. The following is a reproduction of the player profiles from the programme for the game. Missing from the listed players was number 12 Blair Page who was on the Flyers roster that day.



## **CRAIG DICKSON No 1**

Aged 19. Flyers "Rookie of the Year" last season, Craig has improved by leaps and bounds this season. Great Britain Under 20 international.



## **ANDY LINTON No 14**

Aged 23. Returned to his home town club this season after a spell with Nottingham. Has fitted in well on the right wing and has proved he has an eye for the net.

## **GORDON GOODSIR No 2**

Aged 19. Has played mainly in defence this season although he is equally effective in the ring. A determined player who has represented Great Britain at both Under 18 and Under 20 level.



## **CHIC COTTRELL No 15**

Aged 30. He is Flyers senior player having made his debut as a 15 year old. Last season he received Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club's "Special Award" for services to ice hockey in Kirkcaldy. A Scotland and GB international. Has made a remarkable recovery from a serious injury sustained in training this season.



## **RON PLUMB No 3**

Aged 34. Flyers player/coach has played at the highest level throughout his distinguished career. W.H.A. defenceman of the year in 76/77 and played in the NHL with Hartford Whalers. Voted coach of the month on two occasions this season. Has played a very important part in Flyers revival this season.



## **GORDON LATTO No 16**

Aged 25. He is Flyers team captain and is without doubt one of Britain's best ever players. Had a spell in Sweden after leaving school and on his return was the N.I.H.A.'s "Player of the Year" for three consecutive seasons. Is a Scotland and Great Britain international who was voted Flyers Most Valuable Player last season.

## **STUART DRUMMOND No 4**

Aged 24. Has been dogged by injury in his career but this season has emerged as a top class defenceman. Uses his excellent skating ability to good effect.



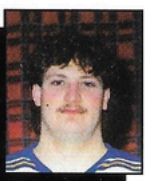
## **STEVEN KIRK No 17**

Aged 21. Is a favourite with the Kirkcaldy fans because of his all action style and never say die attitude. He is an excellent skater and powerful forechecker.



## **NEIL ABEL No 6**

Aged 24. The biggest player in the Flyers line up, he has improved this season playing alongside Ron Plum. He has a very powerful slap shot.



## **GARY McEWAN No 18**

Aged 20. Joined Flyers from Glasgow last season. A player who always gives 100% he is a Great Britain Under 18 and Under 20 international.

## **JIMMY PENNYCOOK No 7**

Aged 27. Signed this season from Dundee. N.I.H.A. Rookie of the Year season 73/74. Is a Scotland and Great Britain international who has played in 3 World Championships. A prolific scorer throughout his career.



## **DANNY BROWN No 19**

Aged 24. Attended the University of Western Ontario where he was voted his teams Most Valuable Player for three consecutive seasons. A Canadian Olympic trialist who is an excellent player. The provider of many of Stoyanovich's goals. Reckoned by many to be the best play-maker in Britain.



## **DAVE STOYANOVICH No 9**

Aged 26. A man who has rewritten all the British scoring records this season. Started his professional career in Canada and played last season with Nova Scotia Voyageurs of the American Hockey League. Possesses a phenomenal slap shot and in fact scored 13 goals in one game this season.



## **ANDY DONALD No 20**

Aged 20. An extremely agile netminder who on his day is as good as anybody in the country. Although still a young man this is his third season. A Great Britain Under 20 international.

## **MURRAY McLELLAN No 11**

Aged 27. Has played all his competitive hockey for Fife. An excellent skater who has the habit of scoring spectacular goals.



## **BRIAN PEAT No 21**

Aged 27. Made his debut in February 1974 and has been a consistent performer ever since. A tough no frills defenceman who is a Scotland international.







## **DOUGIE LATTO No 8**

Aged 27. Started his career as a winger but made a successful transition to defence two seasons ago. Voted Flyers "Best Home Player" last season. A Scotland international.



# MATCH REPORT

Saturday 8th March 2025					4				1 Elite League				
			Period Scores 1-0, 3-0, 0-1,										
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✗	Evan MacKinnon	✓	Massimo Carozza	✓					
	Jānis Voris	BackUp	Olivier LeBlanc	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✗					
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Jordan Stallard	✓					
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✗	Kieran Craig	✓					
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	James Spence	✗					
			Patrick Kyte	✗	Ben Brown	✓	Aiden Wilson	✗					
			Jonas Emmerdahl	✓	Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓							
	Rose	Refs	Matthews		Coyne	Lines men	Cook						

The Flyers made their final visit of the season to the Guildford Spectrum and travelled without the injured trio of Phelix Martineau, Patrick Kyte and Aiden Wilson. Cameron Kenny and James Spence were also scratched for the visitors. The Flames were without Kyle Locke, Austin Glover, Sam Jones the recently departed Charlie Doderio and Jake Coughler.

Shane Owen was in action in the opening couple of minutes as he made saves on Ryan Tait and Brett Ferguson. In the 4th minute Eamon McAdam made his initial stop of the game as he had trouble with a one-time blast from Olivier LeBlanc from the blue line that caught him on the shoulder as he was slow to track the flight of the puck. The Flames goalie was in action a minute later when he fought off a snapshot from Charles-Antoine Paiement from the circle. Owen made a right pad save on a shot by Daniel Tedesco from the high slot in the 6th minute and as the game flowed end to end moments later McAdam had to be alert to take away the space for Kieran Craig who was parked on the edge of his crease. In the 7th minute a tight angled shot by Charlie Curti was held by the Fife keeper who then survived a scramble around his net. The Flames were denied the lead by a fantastic Owen save in the 8th minute when he stoned James Shearer on a back door play. The Flyers went on the first power play of the night in the 9th minute when Daniel Krenželok was tripped by Brett Welychka. The Flyers controlled almost all of the two minutes and McAdam made saves on Michael Cichy and Tyler Heidt but they couldn't break the deadlock. Just before the Flames returned to full strength Owen blocked away a shorthanded bid by Ryan Tait. Moments later Owen stood tall to deny Ferguson as he took the puck to the net. In the 12th minute McAdam didn't cleanly hold a shot from Brodie Kay and a minute later the Flyers were let off the hook as Owen was sprawling in his crease and Mike Crocock with most of the net to aim at sent the puck straight through the crease and past the far post. The Flames went close again in the 14th minute with Daniel Catenacci taking the puck to the net and Owen eventually got the whistle as he did a snow angle to freeze the puck. The Flyers were penalised on the play however as Heidt went to the box for slashing and the Flames made their man advantage count. Ferguson collected the puck down low and his cross crease pass was finished by Tedesco with Owen having no chance. McAdam made a toe save on Jordan Stallard in the 16th minute before Evan MacKinnon was hobbled blocking a fierce one timer from Travis Brown and he didn't return to the game. In the 18th minute a 2 on 1 break saw Massimo Carozza feed the puck to Lucas Chiodo who was denied by the outstretched leg of McAdam. Right on the interval buzzer LeBlanc was called for a hooking infraction.

## PERIOD 2

The Flames on their second power play of the game worked Owen early who denied Tait with a full stretch stop. The home side did however double their advantage as Brown made a desperation play at the blue line to keep the puck in the Flyers zone and Tedesco fed to puck over to Tait who beat Owen with a shot top shelf. The Flames added another goal in the 24th minute as Lewis Hook pivoted at the face off dot and his shot hit the shoulder of Owen before spinning up into the air and it dropped behind the Flyers netminder and dribbled across the goal line. Matt Alfaro had all sorts of time and space in the slot in the 25th minute but Owen flashed the leather to deny him.



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The Flyers went back on the power play in the 26th minute when Tedesco was called for a high stick on Craig. McAdam made a save on a shot from the blue line from LeBlanc but it was home side who almost found the net when Jack Jacome raced away short handed and as he ran out of real estate he dropped the puck to Catenacci but Owen again produced a stellar save with the pad. The Flames completed the kill just after Austin Farley was stopped by McAdam. In the 29th minute Chiodo on an odd man rush feathered the puck over to Carozza at the lip of the Flames crease but McAdam made himself big to make the block. Jacome had his shot swallowed by Owen in the 30th minute. Two minutes later and the Flames added a fourth goal when a shot from the blue line by Curti was tipped in the slot by Welychka and the puck flew into the top corner. In the 35th minute McAdam made another save on Farley and the Flames keeper stopped a drive to the net by Craig in the 38th minute as Josh Waller was called for a slash on the play to return the visitors to the power play. Craig carried the puck towards the Flames goal but his back hand sailed over the bar before it nearly bounced into the net after coming back off the glass. The Flyers almost conceded a shorthanded goal when Catenacci was absolutely robbed by Owen before the teams played the final few seconds 4 on 4 following Paiement getting the gate for a slash.

## PERIOD 3

The Flames returned to full strength and onto another power play early in the final period. Owen had to make a save from a close in effort by Alfaro before another tip in front of him by Ferguson forced a fine reaction save as the Flyers returned to full strength. In the 43rd minute Craig had a partial breakaway but pulled his shot wide of the post and moments later Owen made a stop again on Alfaro who was caught on the play by a check by Paiement who was sent to the penalty box. The officials decided to review the play and the Fife player was assessed a 5 plus game for a check to the head. The Flames extended power play produced a catalogue of chances and Owen as would be expected was a busy man. He held a blast from Brown before he made a pad save on Jacome and was in position to thwart Waller with the follow up shot from the slot. The Fife keeper made a scrambling save to stop Ferguson before the Flyers had a short handed chance when Craig saw McAdam blocker away his shot. Owen got help from his post as Jacome struck iron from a bad angle. With three seconds of the kill remaining the Flames were called for too many men and the Flyers went back on the power play after returning to full strength. The visitors got their reward for their endeavor when Carozza and Cichy combined to set up Craig in front of the net who was able to steer the puck home past an out of position McAdam. In the 51st minute Waller put a wrist shot just wide of the Fife goal and in the 53rd minute McAdam almost let a dump in by Krenželok get past him. The Flyers defenceman was moved up to the wing as the Flyers were now down to seven forwards. In the 56th minute Hook loaded up for a big one timer but Owen was across his goal in an instant to make a solid pad save. A minute later and Krenželok forced a save by McAdam before the Flames keeper made a huge stop on Craig with a couple of minutes remaining. Marcus Tesink was sent to the box for hooking as the Flyers finished the game on the power play. The visitors called a time out and when they won the draw the pulled Owen to skate 6 on 4 but despite controlling the puck in the Flames zone they couldn't find an opening and almost gave up an empty net goal in the final seconds as a blocked puck slithered towards the empty cage but stopped inches from the line as the clock expired.

Flames Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Tedesco	Ferguson	Tait	1	Craig	Cichy	Carozza	For	
62	Tait	Brown	Tedesco	2				36	
Shots	Hook	Welychka	Crocock	3				Shots	
Against	Welychka	Curti	Catenacci	4				Against	
36				5				62	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
10				7				31	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Welychka				10				Carozza	



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# MATCH REPORT

Sunday 9th March 2025				2		3 Elite League	
Period Scores 2-1, 0-2, 0-0,							
Line up	Jānis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	✗	Evan MacKinnon	✗	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	✗	Joe Lynch ✓
			Jonas Emmerdahl	✓	Charles-Antoine Paiement	✓	
Halas		Refs	Rodger		Thorpe	Lines men	Ward

The Flyers entertained the Coventry Blaze for the final time this season. The home side were still without the injured Phélix Martineau, Patrick Kyte and Aiden Wilson with Evan MacKinnon joining them on the sidelines after leaving the game in the first period the night before in Guildford. James Spence and Cameron Kenny were also scratched. The visitors were without Zach Vinnell and Jakob Stridsberg and had a couple of familiar faces on their bench with the return of Brady Pouteau and Andy Little who was called in as an emergency back up goalie for the night.

The visitors took advantage of a breakdown in the Flyers zone in the opening minute as Jānis Voris was beaten by Alessio Luciani who went top shelf over the keepers shoulder from a tight angle. The Flyers first effort on goal came in the 4th minute with Lucas Chiodo at the side of the net but Mat Robson held his post to make the save. A minute later and Massimo Carozza let a shot go that Robson couldn't handle but Austin Farley knocked the rebound past the post. The Flyers went closer still in the 6th minute when Kieran Craig deflected the puck mid air and it dipped on goal to hit the base of the post before being cleared. The Flyers had another chance in the 11th minute when Chiodo tipped the puck at the side of the net but the Blaze keeper got over to make the block. Voris made a double save in the 15th minute as the Blaze threatened with both teams going up and down the ice trading chances. Moments later the Flyers were back on level terms when Voris made a save and Jordan Stallard picked up the puck to set Chiodo away down the left side. He drove to the net and went forehand backhand to beat Robson with a low shot. The home side took the lead in the 18th minute with another well worked goal involving Chiodo and Charles-Antoine Paiement with the puck being dropped to Daniel Krenželok who stepped in off the blue lined and his rip found the bottom corner stick side on Robson. The period came to a close with Voris denying Mike Kennedy who was up supporting the Blaze rush.

## PERIOD 2

30 seconds into the middle period the Flyers were assessed the first penalty of the game when Carozza was given the gate for slashing. The Fife penalty killers did a good job of keeping the Blaze to the perimeter and with just seconds remaining Voris had to make his first save when he got a pad to a Michael Regush shot as the Fifiers returned to full strength. Voris made a good stop on Zach Heintz who came down the left side with speed in the 24th minute.



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The Blaze were enjoying more zone time in the Flyers end of the ice and almost levelled the game in the 26th minute when Alexander Kuqali floated the puck on net through traffic which Voris didn't pick up and the sound of the pipe pinging would have been music to his ears. The game was tied however moments later when Nick Seitz picked out Luciani with a pin point pass as he drove the back door and he tapped the puck past a sprawling Voris. The Blaze had their tails up and in the space of a couple of minutes Voris made two good blocker saves to deny Jackson Cressey. The visitors got the go ahead goal in the 30th minute when former Flyers defenceman Brady Pouteau found a gap to beat Voris with a low shot from the high slot. In the 33rd minute Paiement tried his luck short side but Robson had his post well sealed to make the save. The Coventry keeper then kept a Ben Brown shot out a minute later with a shoulder save. The Flyers were unlucky not to find the puck in a scramble around Robson as Chiodo and Carozza dug away at the loose puck. The Blaze then transitioned down ice and Brandon Alderson was denied by the metal work. In the 38th minute Cressey was afforded room to come in off the half wall and shot from the circles which forced a good stop by Voris. Voris made another solid save when he flashed the glove to snag a Regush one timer from the slot following a drop pass. The Flyers went back on the power play with a few seconds left of the period when David Clements was called for holding the stick.

## PERIOD 3

Starting the third period with the man advantage the Flyers were unable to get anything set up until the last few seconds when Robson made a save on a Paiement shot as the visitors returned to full strength. In the 43rd minute Carozza carried the puck into the Blaze zone and found Chiodo who was in close on Robson with the keeper able to block the puck away. The Flyers were back on the power play in the 44th minute when good speed by Paiement forced Cressey to trip him. The Blaze killers did the job however without the Flyers getting a shot on Robson as they returned to full strength. Voris fought of a big blast by Alderson in the 48th minute. A minute later and Jonas Emmerdahl fired a shot in that Robson let out a big rebound on but Brown knocked the rebound wide of target. In the 51st minute the visitors survived a scramble around their net as Chiodo tried to bank the puck home from an angle before Stallard had a shot blocked and with a mass of humanity in the Blaze crease the puck was scrambled clear. In the 56th minute Voris made a big pad save on Morten Jurgens and two minutes later Regush tried to go top corner on Voris but his shot from below the circles flashed over the net. Into the final two minutes and Jurgens was called for a trip on Krenželok. The Flyers called their time out clearly to draw up a plan for pulling Voris. They did so with 90 seconds left to skate 6 on 4. Kim Tallberg had a chance at the empty net but missed but the Flyers just couldn't get the play set up in the Blaze zone as the visitors held on for the win.

Flyers Stats				Goal	Blaze Stats			
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
For	Chiodo	Stallard	Voris		Luciani	Pouteau		For
22	Krenželok	Chiodo	Paiement		Luciani	Seitz		37
Shots					Pouteau	Kuqali		Shots
Against								Against
37								22
PiMS								PiMS
2								6
MOM								MOM
Voris				10				Luciani



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# DOING THE NUMBERS

## Flyers Stats 2024/25

Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP A	SH A	Ev A	PiMs	S	S %	GAA	SO	PS S	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	52	0	2	2	0	0	2	10	1912	0.89	4.97	0	0	2581	214
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	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jānis Voris	G	31	0	2	2	0	0	2	31	601	0.88	5.12	0	0	832	71
Cameron Kenny	G	22	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	46	2	15	17	1	7	8			0	1	8	9	16	55
Madi Dikhanbek	D	27	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	12	42
Tyler Heidt	D	56	6	15	21	2	4	6		1	1	4	10	14	46	92
Brodie Kay	D	44	0	0	0			0			0			0	6	27
Daniel Krenželok	D	56	6	8	14	1	3	4			0	5	5	10	44	177
Patrick Kyte	D	43	3	5	8	1	1	2			0	2	4	6	45	63
Olivier LeBlanc	D	50	0	12	12		3	3			0		9	9	70	44
Fynn Page	D	11	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0
Josh Saunders	D	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	1
Jonas Emmerdahl	D	10	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	14
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Lucas Chiodo	F	56	15	32	47	5	8	13			0	10	24	34	12	152
Michael Cichy	F	56	19	20	39	8	6	14			0	11	14	25	14	114
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	42	4	9	13	1	1	2			0	3	8	11	10	63
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	45	20	20	40	5	7	12		1	1	15	12	27	39	162
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	12	1	0	1			0			0	1		1	0	6
Ryan Foss	F	35	6	12	18	1	7	8			0	5	5	10	49	60
Aiden Wilson	F	14	0	0	0			0			0			0	4	3
Massimo Carozza	F	36	9	12	21	1	5	6			0	8	7	15	10	75
Jordan Stallard	F	34	2	7	9		2	2			0	2	5	7	10	51
Ben Brown	F	25	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	24
Kieran Craig	F	23	12	5	17	5		5	1		1	6	5	11	16	71
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	6	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0
Evan MacKinnon	F	6	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	0	1
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Players in BLUE are everpresent Inc All Competitions Figures as at 10/03/2025																
Totals			119	209	326	32	63	95	1	2	3	86	140	226	533	1537
			1 SO Goal													

### 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

Shoot Out Goals Scored (Winners)	Shorthanded Goals Scored	Game Winning Goals	Empty Net Goals For	Empty Net Goals Against
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# WEEK 27 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

## On Wednesday night.....

**Fife Flyers 2      Cardiff Devils 6      - Elite League**

The Devils swept the Flyers on the season with their 6th consecutive win. It is the second time that the Flyers have been winless against the Devils in league play in an EIHL season, the last time being the Flyers inaugural 2011/12 campaign.

The Flyers have now conceded their most league goals in a season at home in the EIHL era.

The Flyers conceded a power play goal for the 6th consecutive match which is their longest stretch of the season.

Shane Owen played his 350th game for the Flyers and is currently 6th in all time EIHL appearances for the club.

## On Saturday night.....

**Guildford Flames 4      Fife Flyers 1      - Elite League**

Guildford remained perfect on the season against the Flyers with their 5th consecutive win.

Flames had 62 shots on goal which is the most given up by the Flyers in a game this season.

Kieran Craig scored for the third consecutive games which ties him with Lucas Chiodo and Phelix Martineau as the longest scoring streak of the season

It was the 7th consecutive game the Flyers have given up a power play goal - the longest streak of season and longest since season 2022/23 when they conceded power play goals in 9 straight games.

The Flyers scored their first power play goal against the Flames this season, the only team they had not scored a goal against with the man advantage – they are now 1 for 18 against the Flames.

## On Sunday night.....

**Fife Flyers 2      Coventry Blaze 3      - Elite League**

The Blaze remained perfect against the Flyers on the season with their 5th straight win.

This is the best sequence of results for the Blaze in all EIHL competitions against the Flyers.

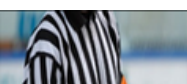
Alessio Luciani now has 8 goals against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions and is one behind all-time Blaze leader Ben Lake for goals against Fife.

Kieran Craig had his goal scoring streak snapped at three games.

Jānis Voris recorded his second assist on the season with his previous also coming against the Blaze on their last visit to Fife in January.

The Flyers broke their sequence of conceding power play goals going perfect on the kill for the first time in 8 games.

The Flyers were a plus on face offs for the first time in 15 games and their plus 8 was their best of the entire season.

	Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Stripecy's							
	2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	17	44 Sam Anderson	4	77 James Ions	4
	3 Tom Pering	2	20 Pavel Halas	8	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	2	24 Rene Jensen	1
	9 Joe Sewell	3	23 Andrew Miller	2	46 Andrew Jarvie	2		
	11 Matt Rose	4	25 Andrew Dalton	4	48 Oliver Truswell			
	14 Chris Wells	4	42 Hollie Neenan	2	49 Daniel Ferguson	21		
	16 Alan Craig	13	43 Graham Rodger	15	52 Stephen Matthews	5		





# WEEKEND PREVIEW




## WEEK 28



### Recent Form Guide

The Giants last faced the Flyers in the middle of February and following their convincing win on home ice Belfast retained top spot in the standings although with some indifferent results since then their margin of lead has been reduced to three points coming into this weekend. In their next outing they travelled to meet the Sheffield Steelers who produced a stunning comeback with five unanswered goals in the final period to take the 5-2 win. The following weekend the Giants appeared to be back on track with a home double header against the second placed Cardiff Devils. The Giants this time came through strong in the final period to take the first meeting 4-1 but the next night there was little doubt of the outcome as the Devils were blanked 6-0. The Giants then visited Nottingham holding a 3 goal lead from the first leg of the Challenge Cup semi-final and they squeaked through as the Panthers blanked them for the first time this season but came up short by a goal. A trip to face the Storm in Manchester followed and the home side battling for the final play off spot came out on top by the odd goal in seven. Back on home ice the Giants then welcomed Scottish visitors in consecutive games with the Glasgow Clan prevailing 3-2 in overtime and the Dundee Stars then pulled off a similar result but this time within regulation. The Giants second game last weekend saw them travel to the Spectrum and they avoided going five straight games without a win with two goals in the final 60 seconds to edge the Flames 3-2. On Wednesday night the Giants and Devils met at the SSE Arena to contest the first silverware of the season with the Giants triumphing 4-0.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM GIANTS

Saturday 1st February 2025				5				7				Elite League			
															
<b>Flyers Stats</b>				<b>Giants Stats</b>											
<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Shots For</b>		<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Shots For</b>		<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Shots For</b>		<b>Shots Against</b>
Stallard	Krenzelok	Cichy	22		Goal 1	Piccinich	Bast	Goodwin	35						
Carozza	Craig		<b>Shots Against</b>		Goal 2	Boudrais	Lake	Barriga	<b>Shots Against</b>						
Cichy	Foss	LeBlanc	35		Goal 3	Barriga	Lee	Osterberg	22						
Craig			<b>PIMS</b>		Goal 4	Piccinich	Conway	Bast	<b>PIMS</b>						
Heidt	Carozza	Delmas	35		Goal 5	Goodwin	Pound	Baum	35						
			<b>Goalie</b>		Goal 6	Piccinich			<b>Goalie</b>						
			Voris		Goal 7	Conway			Whistle						
					Goal 8										
					Goal 9										
					Goal 10										

### OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST GIANTS

P 29 W 3 L 26 F 59 A 149

### Number Crunching

The Giants have won their last three games against the Flyers this season all of which have been in the league.

The Flyers have one win against the Giants in the league at Fife Ice Arena in their last dozen games.

In the seven meetings between the teams this season the Giants gave outscored the Flyers 40-16.

In all EIHL competitions between the two teams the Flyers are closing in on their 200th goal against the Giants who are nearing 400 against the Flyers.

The Giants have had hat trick scorers in the last two meetings between the teams.

JJ Piccinich is the Giants top scorer against the Flyers this season with 6 goals whilst Massimo Carozza and Phélix Martineau lead the way for the Flyers in these games with 3 goals.

Massimo Carozza has goals against the Giants in the last three meetings

15 different Giants players have found the net against the Flyers this season with 10 different Flyers on target in the games played so far.

The Giants lead all teams across all EIHL competitions with 9 shutouts on the season with the Flyers and Storm the only teams yet to shut out an opponent.

The Giants lead all teams for most shots on goal per game average and also tops for the fewest shots on goal against per game average.



# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 28



### Recent Form Guide

The Panthers and Flyers last met just a couple of weeks ago when Nottingham came through late in the game to seal both points at Fife Ice Arena. The following midweek the Panthers hosted the Glasgow Clan who took both points from the Motorpoint Arena with a 4-2 win. Last weekend Nottingham were involved in a couple of low scoring tight affairs as they firstly edged the Sheffield Steelers 2-1 in a shootout on home ice. The following night they travelled to Cardiff and the two teams were still deadlocked after regulation time with the Devils picking up both points scoring the only goal of the game in overtime. The Panthers visit the Manchester Storm ahead of their meeting with the Flyers.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO PANTHERS

Saturday 14th December 2024					6	0		Elite League	
Panthers Stats			Shots For	Shots Against	Flyers Stats			Shots For	Shots Against
Scorer	Assist	Assist			Scorer	Assist	Assist		
Kelsall	Nieminen	Niskala	48		Goal 1			25	
Kontos	Herr	Zech			Goal 2				
Stefanson	Henbrant	Niskala	25		Goal 3			48	
Kontos	Fossier	Henbrant	PiMS		Goal 4			PiMS	
Henbrant	Niskala		6		Goal 5			10	
Betteridge	Nieminen	Kelsall			Goal 6				
			Goalie		Goal 7			Goalie	
			Bednard		Goal 8			Voris	
					Goal 9				
					Goal 10				

### OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST PANTHERS

P 32 W 10 L 22 F 78 A 108

#### Number Crunching

The Flyers will be looking to snap a 6 game losing streak against the Panthers who have also won on their last four visits to Fife Ice Arena.

The Panthers have outscored the Flyers 23-7 over their five league wins this season.

15 different Panthers players have found the net against the Flyers this season with 5 different Flyers finding the net in the five games.

Kristoff Kontos with 4 goals has top scored for the Panthers against the Flyers so far this season whilst Lucas Chiodo and Kieran Craig lead for the Flyers with 2 goals.

The Panthers have had an 8 game winning streak this season which is the joint best sequence along with the Sheffield Steelers and Belfast Giants.

The Panthers have the second best goals against per game average in all EIHL competitions this term and in the first period have conceded just 27 which is 20 percent of their total.

The Flyers and Panthers have the scored the fewest goals from the blueline across all competitions this term.

On special teams the Panthers are 3 for 15 and the Flyers 2 for 13 on the power play in the games between them this season.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 27



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

## Wednesday 5th March

### **Manchester Storm 2    Dundee Stars 5    Elite League**

(0-1, 1-2, 1-2,) SOG 46-27PIMs 9-17 Att 1567

Dundee Stars took a huge step to securing a playoff place with a 5-2 win in Manchester, pulling themselves up to seven points clear of the Storm. With a lot on the line in this game, the opening period very much had the feel of a playoff game. Storm had the better of the early chances but it was Dundee who led after 20 minutes - Brendan Harms winning a battle at the net and putting the puck home off a Zach Tsekos pass at 14:42 on the powerplay. Manchester pinned Dundee into their zone for large spells at the start of period two, but without levelling the scores. Jarrett Fiske made two excellent low pad saves to keep his team ahead, and then the Stars hit the other way - Phillippe Sanche scoring at 30:58 to make it 2-0. Ryan Hughes got Manchester back into the game at 33:14 while Spencer Naas was sitting a hooking penalty, but just over three minutes later Kameron Kielly beat David Tendeck blocker side to put the Stars back up by two. Storm had the better of the chances in period three as well, but just couldn't get shots on target - or beat Fiske when they did. Running out of time, Mike Morin pulled Tendeck with just over four minutes to play - but it backfired with Brendan Harms netting with 2:48 to play to make it 5-1. Dallas Ehrhardt did get one more on the board for Storm with 2:16 to go, but when Tendeck was pulled again Spencer Naas slotted into the empty net with one second to play to wrap up a huge road win for the Stars. The teams meet again in Dundee on Sunday in a game Storm now cannot afford to lose.

### **Nottingham Panthers 2    Glasgow Clan 4    Elite League**

(1-1, 1-1, 0-2,) SOG 35-32PIMs 4-12 Att 4977

Glasgow Clan continued their excellent recent run with their tenth win in their last 11 games thanks to a late show in Nottingham, ending up 4-2 winners when it looked like the game might be heading towards overtime. The result denied the Panthers moving into second ahead of a big weekend of fixtures. Period one ended all square with a stark contrast in the goals scored. Mitchell Heard produced a contender for goal of the season, beating two Panthers players and then toe-dragging around Jason Grande to open the scoring and put Clan ahead at 4:03. The Panthers were level on a powerplay at 7:28 when Simon Despres played a clearing pass up the middle of his own zone, allowing Otto Nieminen to feed Tim Doherty to fire in the equaliser at 7:28. Clan took two further penalties in the period and were out-shot 10-5, but held firm to end the period at 1-1. 52 seconds into period two, Reid Stefanson put the Panthers into the lead with a top-shelf finish at a start of a period that they'd dominate. A couple of successive minors on Clan put them on the back foot, and while killing Heard's roughing penalty the Panthers thought they'd gone further ahead at 29:08. The goal was washed out on the ice for goalie interference, although the Panthers opted to use a Coach's Challenge. The decision stood, however, with the Panthers then being given a minor penalty. At 33:09 Clan's Matt Berry was called for hooking, and Clan were lucky to escape the kill - Chris Martinet's stick breaking and Clan defending for some 30 seconds with only three players with sticks in their hands, also with Brine called into some decent stops. That penalty kill proved vital, as Clan tied the game with 2:13 left in the period - Liam Finlay feeding Cole Ullly on the off side to level it. Grande was called into action early in period three to ensure the Panthers stayed level, but despite chances at either end it looked like the game was destined for overtime. With just over three minutes remaining, Ullly netted his second of the night in close to put Clan into the lead with just 3:09 to play. Grande then made an excellent save to deny Clan scoring fourth on the rush on the next play, and was later pulled with 1:54 to go in favour of the extra skater. Cooper Zech rang a shot from distance off the crossbar in what was probably the home side's best chance with the extra man, as Clan defended the middle of the ice well until the clock ran out on the Panthers.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 27



**Saturday 8th March**

## **Belfast Giants 3      Dundee Stars 2      Elite League**

(1-3, 1-0, 0-0,) SOG 67-28   PIMs 6-6   Att 7012

Belfast Giants' final home game before the Challenge Cup Final saw them beaten 3-2 by Dundee Stars in front of a 7,012-strong crowd at the SSE Arena. "It was amazing!" began Stars' Spencer Naas. "The whole team contributed tonight, and Belfast really pushed hard, especially in the last 40 minutes. Jarrett Fiske played amazing, and all the guys bought in. "It was a really gutsy performance. We spent the day on the ferry, it was a long travel day and we were short-benching, but we still found a way to get it done." Dundee started the better of the two teams, and they quickly opened the scoring. The goal came on powerplay, with the Giants being called for too many men on the ice: Naas was picked out in the right circle from behind the net by Philippe Sanche and fired into the top corner past Jackson Whistle at 6:08. The Stars doubled their lead just 109 seconds later, with Naas getting his second goal. The Giants had a shot blocked and the rebound fell to Naas, who skated away and only had Whistle to beat, which he did, with a clinical finish into the roof of the net at 7:57. Dundee put a third past a shell-shocked Giants team at 12:23. Kyle Pouncy was found in the right circle and finished through Whistle's five hole. The Giants managed to pull one back before the end of the period on a powerplay due to Dundee having too many men on the ice. David Goodwin found Gabe Bast in the right circle, who finished well past Fiske at 17:42. Belfast pulled another back in period two and it was Bast again at 27:44 who brought them back to within one. "There isn't really time for nerves in that situation. You're in the heat of the game and things are happening fast so we were just trying to lock in and do the best we can with what we've got," explained Naas after the Giants pulled it back to 2-3. "We had a huge four-minute penalty kill, which was crucial in the third period. We knew they were a dangerous team but I don't think there was time for nerves in that situation." A double-minor on Alex Robert for a high stick led to the Giants enjoying four minutes of a powerplay early in period three, but to no avail. With 5:36 to play, Pierre-Olivier Morin hit the crossbar of Jarrett Fiske's net in what was one of the closest the Giants came to level. Whistle was pulled with 1:47 to play, but the Giants couldn't tie the game and slipped to their fourth straight defeat. "We're hoping to get a couple of guys back at some point. We got a huge win in Manchester and then came in here and got another huge win, so we're just going to keep trying to ride this momentum and see if we can carry it into the rest of the season" concluded Naas.

## **Manchester Storm 4      Glasgow Clan 3      Elite League**

(1-0, 1-1, 2-2,) SOG 33-27   PIMs 8-10   Att 2450

Manchester Storm kept their hopes of a playoff place alive with a 4-3 win over Glasgow Clan in front of 2,450 fans at the Shelter. After both sides killed off early penalties, Storm thought they'd taken the lead at 12:46 when Matt Berry tipped a shot from the point past David Tendeck. The officials agreed it needed looking at, and washed the goal out after checking the video for a high stick. Manchester took the lead at 14:07. After having rushed forward into the Clan zone, the visitors failed to clear the puck allowing Noah Carroll to feed Tyler Hinam for the opener. A Dallas Ehrhardt shot from the point caused chaos in front of Landon Bow at 26:29, with Alexis D'Aoust poking home a loose puck to double the home side's lead. Deven Sideroff cut the deficit back to one 81 seconds later, and Clan killed off two penalties before the buzzer to go in one down through 40 minutes. A loose puck fell kindly for Gianluca Estevez in the slot to fire home at 48:56 and put the hosts further ahead, while D'Aoust found the empty net at 57:54 after Bow was pulled with 2:50 to go and Clan needing two goals. That goal, however, turned out to be the game winner. Robert Lachowicz and Sideroff both scored inside the final two minutes to bring Clan back to within one, but they could tie things up in the final 44 seconds and slipped to a one-goal defeat.







# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 27



## **Coventry Blaze 3    Cardiff Devils 4    Overtime    Elite League**

(1-2, 0-1, 2-0, 0-1) SOG 29-34 PIMs 10-18 Att 2345

Cardiff Devils booked their place in the playoffs, and moved four points clear in fourth, with an overtime win in Coventry over the Blaze. A crowd of 2,345 saw the game go beyond 60 minutes. "It feels good to score the winner. It's always tough to come into Coventry but we're happy with the two points" said game-winner Cole Sanford after the game. "It's important for us to find out game, especially with the Cup Final coming up. The standings are tight and with us playing Nottingham tomorrow we need to find a big two points." Both sides skated well throughout the opening 10 minutes and created some decent chances. The scoring started at 10:19 with a Ryan Barrow goal putting the Devils ahead. Coventry have the league's best powerplay and needed just 28 seconds of a Joey Martin slashing minor to level – Chase Gresock firing home from the point at 12:49. The Devils went back ahead on a powerplay of their own with three seconds left in the period through Kohen Olischefski to lead 2-1 at the break. In a second period heavy with penalties, the Devils extended their lead at 27:06/ The Blaze thought Nick Seitz's shot had hit the safety netting, but the Devils played to the while and broke 2-on-1 the other way with Sam Duggan jamming the puck over the line past Robson. That was the only goal of the middle period. 3:49 into period three, Alessio Luciani deflected David Clements' shot past Mac Carruth to make it 2-3. The play was review for a combination of a high stick or a kicking motion, and awarded after checking the video. 27 seconds later, the game officials were back in the box looking at a Michael Regush shot which appeared to hit the crossbar. The officials came back out and awarded the goal, although the replays shown on the game feed suggested otherwise - though with no clear overhead angle provided by the Blaze to tell definitively. That put things at a tied game with over 15 minutes to play, although the league's hottest couldn't take advantage of Josh MacDonald being called for hooking and then taking another two minutes for arguing it. With both sides taking a point after 60 minutes, the Blaze saw Mike Kennedy called for slashing 2:27 into overtime. 40 seconds later, Cole Sanford crashed a one-time through Robson to earn the Devils the extra point which they probably deserved.

## **Nottingham Panthers 2    Sheffield Steelers 1    Shootout    Elite League**

(0-1, 0-0, 1-0, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 29-25 PIMs 4-8 Att 6911

A sold-out Motorpoint Arena saw a classic between Nottingham Panthers and Sheffield Steelers that was eventually decided in a shootout. The Panthers were in their retro jerseys celebrating the 25th anniversary of playing in the new arena, and it was a game befitting the occasion. After an even opening few minutes, the Steelers' powerplay went to work and looked very threatening. Marc-Olivier Vallerand hit a post before excellent passing set up Robert Dowd at the far post to open the scoring at 5:02. The Steelers were doing well to restrict the Panthers to very little offensive zone time, with a Kris Kontos shot in close the closet the home side came in the opening stages until ringing a shot off the post as the period neared an end. Sheffield were good value for their league through 20 minutes. There was no scoring in period two but the middle 20 minutes wasn't without its chances. Jason Grande produced a candidate for save of the week to deny Mikko Juusola with his left pad, while the Steelers also created several odd-man rushes where the final pass was either blocked or deflected away. Henbrandt had the Panthers' best chance of the period when he got away shorthanded, but Colton Saucerman as the covering defenseman just did enough to affect Henbrandt's shot. Hugo Roy's breakaway was also stopped well by Greenfield as the Panthers pushed towards the end of the period. Patrick Watling hit the inside of the bar as the Steelers almost went back ahead shortly after conceding. The goal that the Panthers were pushing for finally came with just over 10 minutes to go. A Josh Tetlow shot from the point took a deflection in front and put the puck right on the stick of Tim Doherty to beat a stranded Matt Greenfield with 48:49 on the clock. A late penalty on Daniel Ciampini saw the Panthers call a timeout with 4:47 to go, although shorthanded Mitchell Balmas raced away only for Grande to pull off another excellent save. Nottingham had looks to try and win the game, but nothing that called Greenfield into any last-ditch saves. Overtime was a fair reflection on the game with both sides taking a point. In overtime, the Panthers had the better of the opening phases with pressure in the Steelers zone, but shots just over or wide preventing them winning it. The best chance of Balmas hockey came with 40 seconds left when Balmas hit the inside of Grande's post. In the end, things were decided in a shootout. Kontos, Doherty and Zech all scored for the Panthers, with only Juusola in reply. When Grande stopped Watling's shot, the Panthers took the extra point.



# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 27



**Sunday 9th March**

## **Guildford Flames 2**

## **Belfast Giants 3**

## **Elite League**

(0-1, 1-0, 1-2,) SOG 26-43 PIMs 10-6 Att 1933

Two goals in the final 58 seconds stole Belfast Giants the two points against Guildford Flames at a sold-out Spectrum in Surrey. "To play a solid 60 minutes was the focus today. We've been playing well but just not getting the results of late, so it was nice to see one through," said game-winner Josh Roach. "I think a couple of lucky bounces was probably the difference in the end. We hit a couple of posts, both goalies played well, and I think both teams actually played a good game." Belfast were first to light the lamp just before the four minute mark of the first period. Bo Hanson picked up the puck in the neutral zone, worked it over to Ben Lake who made a nice move to get past two defencemen and then slot it past the blocker side of Eamon McAdam with 3:49 played. Almost instantly after McAdam was back under pressure with a few good chances for Belfast to increase their lead. Guildford's best chance in the period was a chance from Jack Jacome who drove hard at the net but Tom McCollum was quick to stop him from getting the rebound. The Giants led by one through 20 minutes. The Flames upped the intensity in period two and were rewarded. Ethan Strang slide the puck over to Josh Waller who was able to slip the puck between the pads of McCollum to tie it at 27:46. The Giants saw a shot come back off McAdam's post as they almost went ahead, but the scores were tied heading into the third. "Making sure we came out hard against Belfast was important," explained Flames' Charlie Curti. "They'd lost a few coming into this one but they're really structured and you can't under-estimate them. "We played a good game, just didn't get what we deserved in the end." An early kill by the Giants came after they thought they'd scored - Scott Conway batted the puck into the net, but play was whistled down for an interference minor on JJ Piccinich in the build-up. Belfast then called a timeout at 48:28 as they were about to go on the powerplay. The Flames survived two minors as the clock ticked down, but then themselves hit a post to deny them going ahead. On the very next play, Piccinich saw a shot come back off the crossbar. With the game seemingly heading to overtime, Josh Roach rocketed a shot off a Conway faceoff win past McAdam to put the Giants back ahead with 58 seconds to play. On the resulting faceoff, loose play by the Flames in their own end allowed Jordan Kawaguchi to make it 3-1 just nine seconds later. Brett Ferguson added a consolation for the Flames on the buzzer, but it was a win for the Giants in a game which 60 seconds before had looked like it might take overtime to decide. "It was exciting to see that one go in!" added Roach. "We'd talked about a faceoff play and it worked out as good as we'd planned. I made a good shot there, and then it was great to see the Kawaguchi goal go in on the next shift to give us some breathing room." Roach concluded: "I think it was a good game by both teams, we're proud of our effort. We controlled parts of that game against a really good team. Just towards the end they had a nice shot, and that was the difference."

## **Dundee Stars 4**

## **Manchester Storm 3**

## **Shootout**

## **Elite League**

(1-2, 2-0, 0-1, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 34-45 PIMs 4-6 Att 1842

Dundee Stars wrapped up a six-point week despite being down to just three lines with a 4-3 shootout win over Manchester Storm on Tayside. 1,842 fans saw arguably the most exciting game of the season at the Dundee Ice Arena. "The team played great head to toe, even with a short roster we were really really good and managed to find a way all week and even today we found a way to win and that's all that matters" said Jarrett Fiske, who logged his third win of the week. "Morale is really high, and you know the boys are buying in and we're doing a lot of the little things right and it's adding up to big things." Manchester entered Dundee looking to secure two vital league points, as they sit seven points behind the Stars in the standings who currently occupy the final playoff spot. Brendan Harms struck first for the home team, netting his eighth point in his last four games with a shot that beat David Tendeck top corner just 45 seconds into the game. It didn't take the visitors long to respond, as Jake Durflinger equalised less than a minute later at 01:38 after redirecting a shot past Jarrett Fiske to make it 1-1. Fiske made an initial pad save on a shot from the Manchester blue line, however Ryan Hughes was first to the rebound and sent the puck into the Stars' net to give his team their first lead of the night at 15:51. A back and forth second period saw both teams generate high-quality scoring chances, with Tendeck and Fiske both making a number of key saves throughout. Continuous pressure in the offensive zone allowed Jonathan McBean to send a shot from the slot over the





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shoulder of Tendeck, equalising late in the period with his fifth of the season at 36:32. Drydn Dow restored the Stars' lead just over two minutes later at 38:58, picking up a pass from McBean and wristing the puck past Tendeck to send his team into the third period up 3-2. Alexis D'Aoist, the league's points leader, tied things up just 38 seconds into period three to make it 3-3. Both sides had chances to go back ahead, with Keanu Yamamoto's breakaway inside the final five minutes was well stopped by Tendeck to keep the game level. Both sides took a point with the game going into overtime, which probably didn't suit the Storm. With barely any whistles in the bonus session, the teams threw caution to the wind and continuously broke up and down the ice on odd-man rushes but without a winning goal being scored. In the shootout, Yamamoto was the only scorer for the Stars, while Fiske stopped all five Storm attempts to earn their win. Fiske ended the week having made over 150 saves. "I would say it doesn't really matter what I do as long as we win, it's just about the team right so the boys play fantastic in front of me, it's a team effort and the win is all that really matters to us" he concluded.

## **Cardiff Devils 1      Nottingham Panthers 0      Overtime      Elite League**

(0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 47-26 PIMs 8-24 Att 3100

Cardiff Devils kept their outside hops of a league title alive with a 1-0 win over Nottingham Panthers, decided in overtime by Cole Sanford. The Devils' forward also scored the OT winner in Coventry less than 24 hours earlier. We did a good job keeping them to the outside, and the guys let me see pucks that were coming at me," said Mac Carruth, who logged a 26-shot shutout. "It was physical game which kept everyone involved. It also got the fans involved, they were great tonight!" A feisty first period at a sold-out Vindico Arena started with a quick penalty for Cardiff after Kohen Olischefski received a high sticking call within the first minute of play. Matt Spencer found himself in the penalty box after an interference on the Panthers, but both teams came up short with the extra man. The Devils hit a crossbar in the opening period, but that was as close as anyone came to going ahead and the 20 minutes ended scoreless. As the teams entered the ice for the second time of the night, the game remained just as intense as the first. The Panthers' Reid Stefanson found himself in the penalty box after an interference call 5:16 into the period. However, The Devils were unable to convert this into a chance to take the lead despite ringing the iron again. As the game entered the final 3 minutes of the period, Tyler Busch picked up a roughing minor after an altercation in front of the Panthers' net. The Panthers had good pressure, but again couldn't make anything count with the extra man and the game remained goalless through 40 minutes. Grande made the biggest save of the final period to deny the Devils a late winner, but with neither side able to find a goal the game went to overtime without having seen a goal in regulation. In the extra period, a battle between Cooper Zech and Cody Donaghey saw the former lose his balance, and the latter feed Sanford to race through and beat Grande for the winner. The Devils' next game will be the 2025 Challenge Cup Final. "We've been working towards this game for about a week and a half now. We're going in on the back of some wins and to be honest I wish it was tomorrow!" concluded

## **Sheffield Steelers 4      Glasgow Clan 3      Elite League**

(2-1, 1-1, 1-1,) SOG 41-37 PIMs 6-6 Att 7802

Sheffield Steelers survived some late Glasgow chances to record a 4-3 win over the Clan on Sunday afternoon in front of over 7,000 fans. There were three goals in the opening period, and the majority of the Utilita Arena crowd enjoyed two for them. Clan took the lead on the powerplay with 4:38 played when Keaton Jamieson's blue-line shot went all the way through thanks to an excellent screen in front of Matt Greenfield. The goal Jamieson's first on the league in 44 attempts. Just shy of the 21-minute mark, Felix Pare blocked a shot while killing a penalty but felt it, leaving his team with just three fully fit skaters - Robert Dowd worked the puck to Marc-Olivier Vallerand on the off wing to fire home and level the game. 79 seconds later, Mikko Juusola converted a penalty shot after Joe Hazeldine slashed him across the arm while the Finn attempted a shot on a breakaway. Vallerand, who was playing his 300th Elite League game, made it 3-1 6:03 into period two with a shot that beat Bow on the glove side. Clan hit a post in the period as they tried to get back into things, but their efforts paid dividends when Pare's shot from the point went all the way through at 35:39 shorthanded. As the home crowd began to grow nervous at the tight scoreline, Daniel Ciampini's first goal since December gave the Steelers a two-goal advantage. The play was challenged by Corey Neilson for





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goalie interference, perhaps somewhat in hope more than expectation, but the goal stood. Ciampini's delight turned to disappointment after a giveaway as the Steelers looked to break out led to Clan getting another one back – the puck being worked to Cole Ullly to just about find the side of the net with 4:31 to play. With a late charging call on the Steelers, the Clan went 6-on-4 with over two minutes to play and eventually worked a shot for Ullly that pinged out of bounds off the crossbar. Clan called a time-out to hatch a plan, and almost tied the game with the final shot – the puck coming back off the post and Mitchell Heard batting it out of the air but not enough on it to go into the net.







### Goalies

30 Cameron Kenny  
50 Shane Owen  
36 Jānis Voris

### Defencemen

5 Noah Delmas  
44 Jonas Emmerdahl  
7 Tyler Heidt  
9 Brodie Kay  
88 Daniel Krenželok  
19 Patrick Kyte  
3 Olivier LeBlanc 'C'

### 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  
26 Evan MacKinnon  
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					
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Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

33	Tom McCollum
1	Jackson Whistle
<u>Defencemen</u>	
42	Gabe Bast
6	Jeff Baum 'A'
21	Kell Beattie
71	Karl Boudrias
22	Zak Galambos
3	Bo Hanson
23	Mike Lee
17	Rhodes Mitchell-King
62	Cameron Pound
77	Josh Roach

<u>Forwards</u>	
90	Mason Alderson
91	Elijah Barriga
15	Robert Carpenter
10	Scott Conway
26	Mark Cooper 'C'
64	David Goodwin
14	Carter Hamill
46	Finley Howells
29	Jordan Kawaguchi
9	Ben Lake 'A'
89	Ciaran Long 'A'
88	Grant Mismash
20	Pierre-Olivier Morin
79	Kyle Osterberg
12	J.J. Piccinich
86	Mack Stewart

**Man of the Match Flyers:**

**Man of the Match Visitors:**



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## GIANTS IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...

**45**  
Games played

**27**  
Wins

**10**  
Losses

**4**  
Overtime wins

**4**  
Overtime losses

**0.733**  
Win %

**66**  
Points

**169**  
Goals scored

**107**  
Goals against

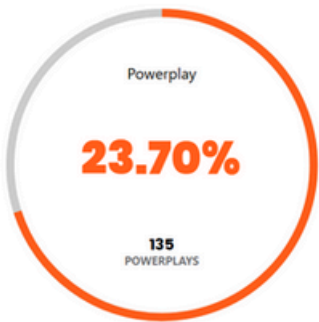
**3.76**  
Goals For average

















**2.38**  
Goals Against average

**6 488**  
Average attendance

**1799**  
Shots on goal for

**1247**  
Shots on goal against



			Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game	
	10	Scott Conway	FW	45	22	26	48	34	6	0	32	135	212	525	431	10	19:46
	12	JJ Piccinich	FW	45	18	24	42	14	8	1	34	148	194	0	1	21	19:48
	26	Mark Cooper	FW	44	15	19	34	38	8	0	11	163	232	11	3	31	20:00
	29	Jordan Kawaguchi	FW	41	14	18	32	12	2	0	15	108	149	0	2	12	17:43
	91	Elijah Barriga	LW	41	13	19	32	8	3	0	17	112	154	18	9	13	14:30
	20	Pierre-Olivier Morin	FW	44	12	16	28	41	2	0	8	122	169	363	265	13	16:42
	42	Gabe Bast	D	45	10	18	28	60	1	0	9	137	223	0	0	45	22:10
	77	Josh Roach	D	39	5	23	28	19	0	0	28	79	121	2	0	37	20:51
	3	Bo Hanson	D	43	2	25	27	23	0	0	30	95	148	0	1	25	20:01
	15	Bobo Carpenter	FW	38	13	12	25	18	1	1	6	129	176	39	42	11	15:13
	9	Ben Lake	FW	44	10	14	24	36	1	2	9	81	111	478	341	16	18:04
	88	Grant Mismash	FW	43	9	13	22	26	3	0	4	123	200	3	3	6	15:16
	23	Mike Lee	D	33	5	16	21	10	0	0	11	71	127	0	0	25	21:28
	64	David Goodwin	C	17	4	14	18	6	0	0	10	19	36	1	0	3	17:17
	6	Jeff Baum	D	42	3	11	14	2	0	0	21	56	93	0	1	31	17:16
	71	Karl Boudrais	D	33	5	5	10	22	0	0	11	42	74	0	0	14	15:36
	79	Kyle Osterberg	FW	29	0	10	10	16	0	0	7	46	63	0	3	5	14:39
	89	Ciaran Long	LW	42	5	4	9	38	0	0	10	66	103	107	93	10	10:32
	62	Cameron Pound	D	41	2	7	9	13	0	0	7	30	48	0	0	5	07:55
	22	Zak Galambos	D	20	2	2	4	0	0	0	9	32	52	0	0	13	15:27
	86	Mack Stewart	LW	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	5	0	0	0	04:29
	21	Kell Beattie	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00:00

			Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM
	35	GBRAndrew Dickson	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	100	0
	1	GBRJackson Whistle	24	17	6	2	657	49	1395	2.11	92.54	0
	33	USATom McCollum	22	14	8	2	580	50	1312	2.29	91.38	0

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## ON THEIR ROSTER

In this edition we focus on former Giants Captain **David Goowin** with extracts from a recent interview.

### **So David, take us back and remind us exactly where you're from?**

Yeah, originally from St. Louis, Missouri in the United States, obviously, and thank you, which is just a little bit south of Chicago, so right in the middle of the country. And yeah, kind of lived there my whole life. One of five children, two loving parents, and have nothing but very fond memories of my childhood and growing up in St. Louis.

### **Have you a message for them out there?**

I appreciate their support and getting me to a great place like Belfast and to this opportunity here.

### **Tell me about the young David, was he always going to be an ice hockey player professionally?**

#### **What would they say?**

Well, my mom's from Memphis, Tennessee, which is in the south, so she has a pretty strong southern accent, so she would probably say something like, oh, that David, he was such a troublemaker growing up. But yeah, I mean, I think they knew I was always very committed to ice hockey and a driven kid and quite competitive, so I don't think they're overly surprised that I've had the career that I've had.

What number did you come within those five children and how that shaped you ?

Yeah, so I'm right in the middle. I have two older brothers and two younger sisters, and I always say that being a middle child, you kind of fly under the radar a little bit, so maybe you get away with a little bit more than my older brothers or my younger sisters did growing up.

### **So when we think of America, maybe we might think of baseball and American football. Why ice hockey?**

Yeah, of course, a lot of my classmates played soccer and baseball growing up. I was a little unique playing hockey, but I just like the competitiveness of it, and I've always been, you know, intrigued by the uniqueness. It is a little bit off the beaten path in terms of the sporting world, and I just love, you know, obviously the physicality as well, so it just seemed to be a good fit for me growing up. And of course, my older brothers played ice hockey as well, so I think my parents, out of convenience, it was convenient for them to just take all of us to the ice rink and not have to take ice rink, baseball, diamond, soccer field.



### **Could you give us a little bit of a story of what your, your sporting life was like in the states ?**

Yeah, so growing up, I, probably similar to, you know, youth sports here in Belfast, but, you know, I was going to school at, you know, normal times, and then all my ice hockey activities was after school, but as I got older into high school, it was every day after school for a few hours and then I went to Penn State University, and I played college hockey there for four years, and I had a really good career there, and I had professional opportunities, after Penn State just because I had a good college hockey career, and, then in 2017, I turned pro, so that's kind of the normal progression.



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**Culturally in the UK a lot of us would have grown up kicking a football, how do you realise you've got a hockey talent? Do you start ice skating first, or is it straight to hockey?**

You certainly have to start with skating, like if you can't ice skate, you can't play hockey. So, ice skating is by far the most important thing for ice hockey, but yeah, no, I started playing probably at age four or five, and I think my parents just realized that I was a little bit better than the rest of the kids type of thing, and so they were, you know, oh, maybe we should keep him in ice hockey. He's doing quite well at this, so I think it was really as simple as that.

**And fast forward, when did you realize that you could make a career out of it?**

Yeah, I think in high school, so maybe 2008, 2009. That was when I really kind of took ownership of my career and really kind of fully committed to it and kind of decided that this wasn't just, you know, an after-school sport for me, and you know, of course, I'm grateful for that commitment because it's taken me to a lot of great places and had a lot of great experiences.

**I went to school with Rory McIlroy, the golfer. He was a little bit younger than me. Everyone was saying to him, you know, being a professional sports person, it'll never work out. Did you have a bit of that when you were growing up?**

Yeah, maybe a little bit, mainly because of, as someone mentioned, I'm not the tallest athlete they've seen, but I like to think I make up for it with other, you know, attributes to my game, but yeah, I guess me and Rory McIlroy are more similar than I thought. I can promise you, though, if anyone's wondering out there, our salaries are nowhere the same.

**Do you play golf, by the way?**

Yeah, we actually play at Hollywood Golf Club, which is his home course. They have like a parking space for him, and me and my teammates always joke about like parking in there and seeing what would happen. I think those guys with like the red hats, like the parking people, they would get pretty upset with us.

**You ended up in Scandinavia. How did that happen?**

Yeah, so when I graduated Penn State in 2017, I had some professional opportunities to stay in North America, but I had this contract offer to go to Finland, and I'd always been intrigued and, you know, maybe living in a different country, learning different culture. And so it was kind of a no-brainer for me, you know, the opportunity was good, the money was good, and I was kind of like, heck yeah, let's do it. So it was actually only seven miles from the Russian border, so I don't know if I would go there right now, but at the time in 2017, it was a good decision.



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**And speaking of that phrase, I don't know if I'd go there right now, there was a time when maybe your folks back home would be saying, David Belfast? Really? Did you have any of that?**

Yeah, a little bit. So in 2019, when I first made contact with Belfast, I think, you know, I don't think there was any pushback, but there was just some, like, maybe we should do a little bit more research on this than some of the other places. You know, I think in general, Americans are naive to anywhere else in the world besides America, and so, you know, it was just something that I had to do my due diligence on.

**And did you hear all these stats and people throw them out about, you know, how relatively few Americans have a passport? Did you grow up always having a passport?**

Yeah, thankfully my mom mainly, she really had that desire that her kids would travel a lot, so we've kind of had passports our whole lives, but yeah, under 50% of Americans have passports.

**The US is a big country. How does it compare with here (United Kingdom)?**

It does not compare at all. I don't know if I could think of a single similarity from here, from the US to Belfast. It's just, yeah, it's a different world.

**An American pastor was saying on the radio this morning that culturally the UK and US are poles apart. Are there similarities in the people?**

You know, obviously, like you said the country of America is massive, so, you know, the people in the South, people on the East Coast, Midwest, they're all kind of different, but speaking of the people of Belfast, I've had nothing but very pleasant experiences with them. I was actually thinking on the way over here about one of my first experiences in Belfast. We all live in the Titanic Quarter on the Giants, and I walked into town. I was going to a restaurant, and I didn't know where I was. I didn't have a SIM card in my phone yet, and so I asked the locals, like, hey, can you help me find La Taqueria, which is now one of my favourite Mexican places, and they were like, yeah, yeah, so I was just assuming they were going to, like, point me in the right direction, you know, like, oh, it's that way. This gentleman walked me to La Taqueria. He's like, here it is. I'm like, yeah, I see that now. Thank you so much, you know, which is about, like, a seven minute walk, and that was one of my first experiences in Belfast, and I think from there, I was like, this place is, it has, you know, it has something, like, it's unique in a way, very friendly, very welcoming.

**You came, you went away, and you came back again?**

Yeah, so I arrived here in November 2019, only a few months before COVID. That kind of threw a wrench into the plans, but when I got the opportunity to come back last season, again, no brainer to get back to Belfast.





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**Ice hockey in this part of the world, you know, it's not at the same standard, maybe, as America, but it has really taken off in recent years?**

Yeah, absolutely. Of course it's not like the NHL back in the U.S. or in Canada, but it is very respectable on the European stage, and we're starting to compete really well with other leagues in Europe for, to get, to bring in the top players, and so it's come a long way. The Giants are roughly, 20 years old, and they've made a lot of strides in that time.

**What's the makeup of the Giants team and how do you find integrating into Belfast when your life is so focused on, you know, the Giants?**

80% of the guys on the team are North American. Of that 80%, the majority are Canadians. There's a few Americans like myself, and then the rest are either Scottish or English, but mainly North American, and yeah, like I mentioned, well, pretty much everyone on the team lives in the Titanic Quarter, which, of course, great area, like, you know, it's right by the Odyssey, which is very convenient for us. That's where we play our matches and do our training, but it is a little bit removed from the city center, and so it's kind of like anything. If guys are really wanting to immerse themselves in the culture here in Belfast, they have that opportunity, but there are some guys that really are just here for the hockey and really just here for work, which is also fine, and they'll more likely just stay over in the Titanic Quarter and stick with work and the apartment, so, yeah.

**Tell us a little bit about what you believe in, your faith ?**

Yeah, so my Christian faith has been kind of the bedrock of my life. Um, it's something I, I prioritize greatly, and, you know, I think it parallels well with, with being an athlete. Obviously, in the athletic world, you have ups and downs and, and, you know, highs and lows, and, and, uh, you know, I credit a lot of my, my Christian faith of getting me through some of those tougher times, uh, throughout my career, and, um, you know, it's cliché to say, but, you know, you never know where you're going to be if you didn't, if I didn't have that, and I think that's applicable for my situation, so something very important to me and something I really cherish.

**Tell us about being the captain, and you know, it has a bigger role in some sports than others. What's it like in hockey?**

Yeah, of course, first thing I would say is it's a massive privilege to represent, you know, the team in the capacity that I do. So it's something I don't take lightly at all. But yeah, in my time as being captain, as the fans here would know, we've had a lot of success. We've won a couple trophies, hoping to win a couple more this year. And so things have gone pretty well under my reign so far. So hoping to keep that going. But yeah, first and foremost, it's an absolute privilege.



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## How important are the fans to you?

They are a big reason for a lot of the success we've had. And we really feed off of their support. So very appreciative to you all and to all the fans of Belfast. And a lot of the matches recently and still to come have been sellouts. The capacity is, what, 6,000? Just over 6,000? Yeah, certainly over 6,000. I know last year we were still kind of dealing with some of the COVID stuff, but this year the fans have just been spectacular. The attendance has been excellent and it's something that certainly doesn't go unnoticed. So yeah, they've been incredibly supportive this year particularly.

## All of us that have wanted to be footballers or rugby players or whatever, and you see the man or the woman with that kick in the last minute, and some of them seem to relish it. Give it to me. I don't care about the pressure, just give me the chance. Are you like that?

I am like that, but I would have to admit in our most recent game I shot fifth in penalties and I didn't score. So I do like the moment, but I didn't come in clutch last weekend. So I got some work to do.

## I spoke to the BBC's Nigel Ringland, who was at the match, and he tells me that those shootouts are a bit of a lottery. Like all penalty shootouts, you know, if the keeper or the goal... Goalie, we would call it goalie. Goalie just chooses the right way, it's a lottery?

Kind of. I think it's less of a lottery than soccer. I think in soccer it's truly like if they guess the right way. Okay. But in hockey, I mean, the net's small enough where the goalie really can react to the move or the shot that the player is presenting. So I would argue with Nigel, if you want me to, that it's absolutely not a lottery and that it is a very reactionary situation.

## Is your dad a bridge builder or was he a bridge builder?

Yeah, he still is. Bridge industry.

## You know, without sort of taking this too far, but, you know, it's part of what you're trying to do as a player on and off the ice?

Yeah, you know, I think that kind of came once I got more familiar with Belfast and the role that the Giants have in the community. But of course, like the intro said, like, you know, we promote, you know, we want all fans from all sorts of, you know, all four corners of Belfast to support the Giants. And for me to play a small part in that, it's a privilege.

## And when you say the fans play a big part, what does that do to you as an athlete on the ice?











Yeah, you know, I think it just kind of gives us that sixth gear. Obviously, it's such a long season there. Fatigue plays such an enormous factor for all the teams. And when we come home to the SSE Arena and we have such an electric and enthusiastic crowd supporting us, it allows us to push through some of that fatigue that obviously the away team is not able to do. So it absolutely is a big plus for us.





# LEAGUE STATS

## SEASON 2024/25

										
<b>Total Games Played</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>
Challenge Cup Games	14	12	10	12	12	13	10	10	13	12
League Games	45	45	46	47	45	45	46	45	46	46
<b>Biggest Win</b>	8-1 v Flyers	6-0 v Storm Flyers	9-2 v Flyers	7-0 v Flyers	4-1 v Stars	9-4 v Flyers	7-1 v Flyers	7-3 v Clan	9-2 v Blaze	9-0 v Flames
<b>Biggest Loss</b>	1-5 v Panthers v Clan	0-6 v Giants	2-9 v Panthers	4-10 v Steelers	0-8 v Steelers	0-6 v Blaze	0-9 v Steelers	0-6 v Devils	2-5 v Stars	0-6 v Blaze
Longest Win Streak	8	4	6	3	1	6	3	2	8	8
Longest Loss Streak	4	5	4	8	13	5	5	6	3	4
Current Streak	1 Win	4 Wins	1 Win	3 Wins	5 Losses	2 Losses	1 Loss	1 Loss	1 Loss	1 Win
Fastest Goal	00:39	00:07	00:18	00:45	01:32	00:08	00:21	00:25	00:56	00:14
Shut Out For	9	4	2	1	0	2	3	0	6	4
Shut Out Against	1	2	4	4	8	2	2	3	3	2
Empty Net Goals For	10	6	7	6	1	8	7	7	8	14
Empty Net Goals Against	7	9	3	7	10	12	7	8	7	4
Penalty Shots Scored	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
Penalty Shots Conceded	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>176</b>
Powerplay	42	35	46	32	27	29	34	35	31	35
Even Strength	130	141	103	115	74	118	115	105	131	137
Shorthanded	6	2	6	3	1	9	3	6	3	4
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>
Powerplay	3	2	4	6	5	5	8	5	2	6
Even Strength	37	18	18	20	11	16	14	15	18	34
Shorthanded	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>136</b>
Penalty Kill	30	27	35	26	43	46	37	45	24	29
Even Strength	81	106	105	150	204	111	111	125	84	106
Shorthanded	2	2	5	7	7	3	4	7	6	1
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Penalty Kill	6	2	6	3	6	3	6	4	6	3
Even Strength	12	15	21	30	33	18	20	27	11	14
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Goals Scored Period 1	70	57	46	60	36	59	50	54	67	64
Goals Scored Period 2	70	70	60	53	39	63	59	57	55	66
Goals Scored Period 3	75	69	68	58	43	65	65	51	61	88
Goals Scored OT/SO	6	2	8	5	2	5	3	5	6	4
<b>TOTAL Goals Scored</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Goals Scored Per Game</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>3.83</b>
Goals Conceded Period 1	43	44	62	76	98	42	58	63	27	51
Goals Conceded Period 2	34	47	52	69	97	60	60	79	49	54
Goals Conceded Period 3	50	57	56	69	99	81	60	68	55	46
Goals Conceded OT/SO	5	3	6	5	3	4	7	3	5	5
<b>TOTAL Goals Conceded</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Goals Against Per Game</b>	<b>2.24</b>	<b>2.65</b>	<b>3.14</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>2.31</b>	<b>2.69</b>
Shots For P1	842	688	606	652	549	700	597	597	622	665
Shots For P2	793	713	613	711	517	730	605	582	649	721
Shots For P3	784	649	605	638	461	638	541	615	574	711
Shots For OT	16	10	33	18	10	13	35	17	22	12
<b>TOTAL Shots For</b>	<b>2435</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>1857</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>1778</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>2109</b>
<b>Shots for Per Game</b>	<b>41.27</b>	<b>36.14</b>	<b>33.16</b>	<b>34.22</b>	<b>26.96</b>	<b>35.88</b>	<b>31.75</b>	<b>32.93</b>	<b>31.64</b>	<b>36.36</b>
Shots Against P1	473	594	675	720	853	617	648	661	590	661
Shots Against P2	472	591	651	718	865	629	668	681	653	667
Shots Against P3	575	564	654	688	782	589	631	587	643	532
Shots Against OT	24	11	28	27	15	20	11	16	19	21
<b>TOTAL Shots Against</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>1760</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2153</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>1855</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>1905</b>	<b>1881</b>
<b>Shots Against Per Game</b>	<b>26.17</b>	<b>30.88</b>	<b>35.86</b>	<b>36.49</b>	<b>44.12</b>	<b>31.98</b>	<b>34.96</b>	<b>35.36</b>	<b>32.29</b>	<b>32.43</b>

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# ANDI IN THE ATTIC



## TWO NUMBER 77S BEAUSOLEIL AND KADIC

Only half a dozen or so players have worn No77 as a Flyer and this article highlights a couple, one from 1989/90 in the Heineken Premier Division and one from Flyers' first Elite League season 2011/12. Both players were Flyers for one season only, the two seasons differing in terms of Flyers' success.

Luc Beausoleil was a French Canadian who played his junior years at Laval in the QMHL and was a high scoring right wing in his time there. At the end of his junior career he moved to Scotland and joined Murrayfield Racers as a replacement for fellow Canadian Denis Paul, who returned home injured after the Autumn Cup campaign and three league games.

It didn't take him long to forge a high scoring partnership with player/coach Louis Haman. Between them they scored 156 goals in league and play-off games, with Luc averaging around three goals a game. This evidently attracted Flyers' management and he was signed to partner another former Racer Rick Fera to spearhead Flyers' first line.

In his early Flyers career Beausoleil wore the number 7 shirt but changed to No77 in October 1989. His competitive debut was on 09/09/89 against Ayr Raiders in a 2-5 Autumn Cup defeat at Kirkcaldy. He scored 1+1 in that game, having tallied 4+4 in three challenge games prior to the season's start. The team was clearly missing the firepower of Beausoleil's strike partner, who missed five Autumn Cup games with injury, Flyers losing four of the games in which Fera was absent.



That said, Beausoleil scored in each of his first twelve competitive games for the club and had points in his first 19 Autumn Cup or league outings, before being held pointless in a 2-17 thrashing at Cardiff on 09/12/89. In fact he was only prevented from recording at least a point in only a handful of league games.

His play-off output wasn't quite as prolific and scored his last Flyers goal in a 13-3 win over Durham Wasps on 31/03/90 netting 2+4. His last Flyers appearance was at Wembley on 20/04/90 in a 1-5 semi-final defeat by Cardiff, being credited with a lone assist.

After leaving Flyers he signed for Swindon where he averaged over four points a game in British League Division 1 and finished his career with nine years in minor pro hockey mostly in North America.

His time at Flyers was mostly positive and generally matched the scoring expectations placed on an import forward during that era, scoring around four points a game.



# ANDI IN THE ATTIC



The next No 77 was Flyers' first Slovenian import, Denis Kadic who was part of Flyers' squad which toiled for nearly the whole season 2011/12, a year in which the team won only eight of 54 and finished eight points adrift of Edinburgh Capitals at the foot of the table and a whopping 73 points behind champions Belfast.

Flyers were already bottom of the table when arguably the top two imports on the team Matt Siddall and Mike Hamilton walked out on the club. Their replacements were Frantisek Bakrlik and Denis Kadic. Denis had played the majority of his career in his homeland and in Croatia, having represented Slovenia at Under 20 level.

Kadic made his Flyers debut in a 1-3 home defeat against Cardiff on 14/01/12 and recorded an assist on Kyle Horne's shutout breaking goal with 27 seconds remaining. His first Flyers goal was the game winner at Braehead against Clan on 18/01/12 and netted the winning penalty shot in the next home match against Coventry in a 3-2 win.

Kadic was part of a battling squad who dragged themselves off the foot of the table albeit for a very short time before eventually finishing in the place they had occupied for most of the season. He played his last Flyers game in a penalty strewn 3-11 defeat at Murrayfield against Capitals on 25/03/12 and had scored his last Flyers goal the previous week in a 2-6 home defeat to Braehead on 17/03/12.

This was to be Denis' only spell playing in the UK and played in parts of the next eleven seasons in France, then back home in Slovenia. A hard worker, Denis didn't fully match the quality of import he was expected to replace, but looked like he gave his best in his short stay at Kirkcaldy.



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# RULES CORNER



We now look at some game scenarios and the outcomes arrived at by the officials.

**TABLE 14 · RULE 16**

## Minor Penalties Goals scored against short-handed Team

### Minor Penalty expiration criteria:

- Is the Team scored against, short-handed?
- Are they serving a Minor Penalty on the clock?
- If the answer is yes to a) and b), delete the Minor Penalty with the least amount of time on the clock, except when coincidental penalties are being served.

EXAMPLES	TIME	TEAM A	TEAM B	ANSWER	REMARKS
<b>G Coincident penalties – equal number of Players on each Team:</b>					
G 1	3:00	A15 – 5+2	B12 – 2+2	No Player returns	Teams are at equal strength.
	4:30		GOAL		
G 2	3:00	A15 – 2+5	B12 – 5	The substitute for A15 returns	Coincidental major penalties
	4:30		GOAL		
G 3	3:00	A15 – 2		A15 returns	Coincidental penalties are not on the clock
	3:30	A23 – 2	B12 – 2		
	4:30		GOAL		
G 4	3:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 2	A23 returns	Coincidental penalties are not on the clock
	3:30	A23 – 2			
	4:30		GOAL		
G 5	3:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 2	No Player returns	Coincidental penalties are not on the clock. Team A is short-handed, however, it is with a major penalty.
	3:30	A23 – 5			
	4:30		GOAL		
G 6	3:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 5	A15 returns	Team A is below the numerical strength of its opponent. Minor penalty to A15 expires on the scoring of the goal.
	3:30	A23 – 5			
	4:30		GOAL		
G 7	3:00	A15 – 2		A15 returns	
	3:30	A23 – 2			
	4:30		GOAL		
G 8	3:00	A15 – 2		A15 returns	
	3:30	A23 – 5	B12 – 5		
	4:30		GOAL		





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EXAMPLES	TIME	TEAM A	TEAM B	ANSWER	REMARKS
<b>H Coincident penalties – unequal number of Players on each Team:</b>					
H 1	3:00	A15 – 2 A23 – 2	B12 – 2	Captain's choice	This choice must be made at the time of assessment of the penalties.
	4:30		Goal		
H 2	3:00	A15 – 2 A23 – 5	B12 – 2	No Player returns	The Major Penalty makes the Team short-handed. The penalties to A15 and B12 do not go on the clock
	4:30		Goal		
H 3	3:00	A15 – 2 A23 – 2	B12 – 5	Captain's choice	The Minor Penalties end at the same time.
	3:30		Goal		
H 4	3:00	A15 – 2 A23 – 5	B12 – 5	A15 returns	Major penalties are coincidental and do not go on the clock.
	3:30		Goal		
H 5	3:00	A15 – 5 A23 – 2	B12 – 2	No Player returns.	Coincidental Minor Penalties. Team A is short-handed by reason of the Major Penalty. Penalties to A23 and B12 do not go on the clock.
	4:30		Goal		
H 6	3:00	A15 – 2+2 A23 – 2	B12 – 2	Captain's choice. The Minor Penalty to B12 can cancel any one of the Minor Penalties assessed to the two Players on Team A.	Depending on the choice made by Team A, A23 may return or the first Minor Penalty to A15 will end with the scoring of the goal, or the replacement Player serving the extra minor to A15 will return..
	4:30		Goal		



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<b>H Coincident penalties – unequal number of Players on each Team:</b>					
<b>H 7</b>	3:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 2	Captain's choice.	Depending on the choice made by Team A, A 15 may return or the first Minor Penalty to A 23 will end with the scoring of the goal, or the replacement Player serving the extra minor to A 23 will return.
	4:30	A23 – 2+2	Goal	The Minor Penalty to B12 can cancel any one of the Minor Penalties assessed to the two Players on Team A.	
<b>H 8</b>	3:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 2		
		A23 – 2			
		A6 – 2			
	4:00		Goal	Captain's choice.	B12 and one of the Minor Penalties to Team A (depending on choice) will not go on the clock.
	4:30		Goal	Remaining Player returns	According to the choice made by Team A when the penalties were assessed.
<b>H 9</b>	3:00	A15 – 5	B12 – 2	Captain's choice.	Coincidental penalty rule applies to B12 and either A23 or A6 (and these penalties would not go on the clock).
		A23 – 2			
		A6 – 2			
	4:30		Goal		
<b>H 10</b>	4:00	A15 – 2	B12 – 2	No Player returns.	Penalties to A15 and B12 is not on the clock. A23's first penalty terminates and A23's second penalty starts.
	4:30	A23 – 2+2			
	5:00		Goal		

**NOTE:** Coincident penalties must always be served in their entirety.





# RULES CORNER



**TABLE 15 · RULE 19 (1 OF 3)** Be aware of specific rule interpolations during the last 5 minutes of the game and overtime. Coincidental Penalties (all Penalties assessed at the same stoppage).

EXAMPLE	TEAM A	PENALTIES	TEAM B	PENALTIES	ON-ICE STRENGTH
1	A 3	2	B 10	2+2	Team B will play one Player short-handed for two minutes. Team B must place an additional Player to serve the extra Minor Penalty to B10.
2	A 3 A 5	2 2+2	B 10 B 12	2+2 2	Teams play at full strength.
3	A 3 A 5	2+2 5	B 10 B 12	2+2 5	Teams play at full strength.
4	A 3	2+5	B 10 B 12	2 5	Teams play at full strength
5	A 3 A 5	2+5 2	B 10 B 12	2 5	Team A will play one Player short-handed for two min- utes. Team A Captain's choice to determine which penalty would go on the penalty time clock. Should A3 be chosen, then an additional Team A Player must be placed in the Penalty Box to serve the Minor Penalty for A3.
6	A 3 A 5	2+2 5	B 10	2+2	Team A one Player short-handed for five minutes.
7	A 3 A 5	2+2 2	B 10	2	Team A Captain's choice to play one Player short-handed for four minutes or two Players short-handed for two minutes. Should they choose the latter, an additional Team A Player must be placed in the Penalty Box to serve the Minor Penalty for A3.
8	A 9 A 24	2 2	B 2 B 18	2+2 2	Team B will be one Player short-handed for two minutes. Team B Captain's choice of which Player's time will go on the penalty time clock. If they choose B2, then Team B must place an additional Player in the Penalty Box to serve B2's Minor Penalty.
9	A 24	5	B 5	5	Teams play at full strength.
10	A 3	5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Team B short-handed for five minutes (Captain's choice).
11	A 3 A 4	5 5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Teams play at full strength.



# RULES CORNER



**TABLE 15 · RULE 19 (2 OF 3)**

**Coincidental Penalties (all Penalties assessed at the same stoppage)**

EXAMPLE	TEAM A	PENALTIES	TEAM B	PENALTIES	ON-ICE STRENGTH
12	A 3	5+5	B 5	5	Team A short-handed for five minutes. Team A must place an additional Player in the Penalty Box to serve the extra Major Penalty.
13	A 3	5+5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Teams play at full strength.
14	A 3 A 4	5+5 5	B 7	5	Team A has the choice to cancel one of the two major penalties assessed to A3 or to simply cancel the one to A4. Should they choose A3, they will require an additional Player in the Penalty Box.
15	A 3 A 4	5+5 5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Team A will be short-handed for five minutes. Team choice to cancel majors assessed.
16	A 3	2+5	B 7	5	Team A must place another Player in the Penalty Box to serve the additional Minor Penalty to A3 immediately.
17	A 3	2+5	B 7	2+5	Teams play at full strength.
18	A 3	2+5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Teams play 4-4 for two (2) minutes (Team B Captain's choice of which Player's time will go on the penalty time clock), followed by Team B short-handed for three (3) min. Team A must place another Player in the Penalty box to serve the Minor Penalty
19	A 3	2	B 5	5	Teams play 4 - 4.
20	A 3	2+2	B 5	5	Teams play 4 - 4
21	A 3	5	B 5 B 7	2 2	Teams play 4-3
22	A 3 A 4	5 2	B 5 B 7	2+2 2	Captain's choice if the teams play 4-4 in 4 min. followed by 4-5 in 1 min. or 4-3 in 2 min. followed by 4-5 in 3 min
23	A 3	2+5	B 5	2+2+5	Team B will play "short-handed" for two (2) minutes. Team B will require an additional Player in the Penalty Box to serve the Minor Penalty.
24	A 3 A 4	2+5 5	B 5 B 7	5 5	Team A will play short-handed for two minutes. Team A will require an additional Player in the Penalty Box to serve the Minor Penalty.





# RULES CORNER



TABLE 15 · RULE 19 (3 OF 3)

Coincidental Penalties (all Penalties assessed at the same stoppage)

EXAMPLE	TEAM A	PENALTIES	TEAM B	PENALTIES	ON-ICE STRENGTH
25	A 3 A 4	2+5 5	B 5 B 7	2+2+5 5+5	Team B will be short-handed either one Player for seven minutes or two Players, one for two minutes and one for five minutes (Captain's choice).
26	A 3	2+5+5	B 5 B 7	2+5 5	Teams play at full strength.
27	A 3 A 4	2+5 5	B 5	5	Team A will be short-handed, either one Player for seven minutes, or two Players, one for two minutes and one for five minutes (Captain's choice).
28	A 3	2+5+5	B 5 B 7	2+5 5	Teams play at full strength.
29	A 5 A 6 A 7	2 5+5 5	B 12 B 13 B 14	5+5 2 5	Teams play at full strength.
30	A 3	2+10	B 5	2	Teams play at full strength.
31	A 3	2+10	B 5	2+10	Teams play at full strength.
32	A 3 A 4	2 10	B 5 B 7	5 10	Teams play 4 on 4.

# HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

**Darrian Wilson**

Hello all to a very special edition as, fanfare please (where's that Blaze trumpet tooter when you need them?), the Challenge Cup has finally been completed! Belfast and Cardiff faced off in Belfast on Wednesday night and well done to you if you paid the £18 to watch it. At least that gave the webcast a fair chance to stay up with less strain on it than if the charge had been, I don't know, maybe £10 or £12. I was that disinterested I couldn't even delay getting this to the Ed to let you know who won. I guess if you were that bothered you'd just seek out the info via the League website or team socials.

Flyers will play Challenge Cup winners/runner up (feel free to join in here readers and strike out the wrong un to suit, cannae beat an interactive article eh!) Belfast Giants on Saturday evening, yes Saturday, so don't be rocking up to the Auld Barn on Sunday this week. If you wish to see Flyers in action on Sunday, then you'll have to head down to Nottingham.

It is significant that as Giants have a wobble, Danny Stewart has been herding his Panthers into third spot in the league, a mere four points behind Giants albeit with Giants having a game in hand. I'd love to see Flyers get a few points this weekend and I have no preference as to where they come from, but they are due a few bounces of the puck after two humungous performances last weekend. A bit of that puck luck on Sunday and Blaze would have been back on the bus empty handed. It was an exceptional game and I remarked on what was nearly a two-line team playing in a strip from back when two lines was almost the norm.

Hockey has moved on and got more demanding, with last weekend's celebrated former Flyer Mark Morrison making that point in his extended interview. Deliberate two-line hockey is a thing of the past, but it does make you wonder just how the players coped back in the day. I also got to wonder just how many people in attendance last week would remember Mo and his contributions to the team, club and community. A special mention goes to those involved in making the jersey retirement special and how poignant to have the grandson of the coach that brought Mo to the country playing in that game.

I know some people have a less than positive opinion about the event merchandise however as we head to the end of an era it is nice to have something tangible to hand that will likely pull back some great memories and stimulate some reminiscing conversations.

That is how hockey should be, not just the next game in the league but large exclamation marks in the memory that bring back, hopefully, fond memories of special games or titles won and lost on the last weekend of the season. Every now and again there is a special player turns up and Flyers have been lucky to have had many great people associated with the Club over the years. For years to come I will remember the eccentricities of the match nights, the noise levels going from 1 decibel to 100+ decibels in a split second, the shout of the 50/50 ticket sellers and the 50/50 ticket confetti going airborne at the end of the match. Bouncing across the car park to get parked and Geordie Munro wheeling a shopping trolley round by the Clan fans. You will have your own things that will stick in your mind as part of the match night experience as we each have our own unique traditions, likes and dislikes. It's what makes it what it is to us.

Back to matters in hand and injury luck seems to be creaking from bad to okay as the injury to Evan MacKinnon slides across the ice from being a suspected broken foot to 'just' a sore foot after blocking a shot down in Guildford last Saturday leaving the team even shorter on Sunday. Flyers are also hopeful that we may see the return of Phelix and Paddy this weekend in what sounds like a rip off of a Peter Kay series! That's Max and Paddy, not Phelix Nights.....although....

In all seriousness though it has been a tough ask week after week for the guys to turn up and log such draining ice time and it is testament to their commitment, grit and tenacity that in many games they came very close, in some cases succumbing to tired legs late in the game which meant the score line flattered the opposition. Janis Voris picked up an assist on Lucas Chiodo's incredible goal on Sunday to open Flyers account. Ben Brown and Brodie Kay continued to demonstrate that they have been worthy of their ice time and have come on well this season. Two bright spots from this season. After this weekend there are only three more home games this season and whilst many will be hoping for the season to end it is getting to the part of the season where planning a weekend without hockey is just around the corner and like trying to ride a bike with square wheels, it just doesn't feel right.

Enjoy the hockey and let's get behind the lads, Come On Ye Flyers.  
Darrian



# Matchnight

## PRESENTATIONS

CARDIFF DEVILS MARCH 5TH 2025



DEVILS MOM  
BRETT PERLINI



FLYERS MOM  
KIERAN CRAIG



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COVENTRY BLAZE MARCH 9TH 2025



**BLAZE MOM  
ALESSIO LUCIANI**

**FLYERS MOM  
JĀNIS VORIS**



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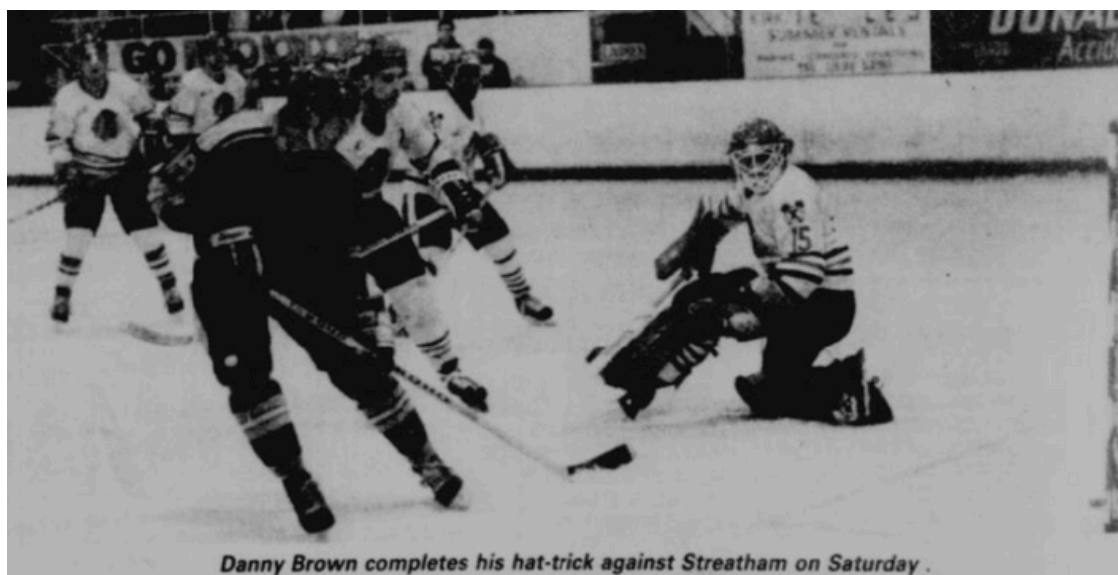


## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Fife Flyers complete their home fixtures in the Heineken Premier League with a double header against Streatham and Ayr this weekend. However, while bidding to retain their unbeaten record in Kirkcaldy, Ron Plumb's men will take more than a passing interest in the result of tomorrow's match in Dundee where Durham Wasps are the visitors. If Flyers are to finish on top of the table, Durham have to slip up somewhere, and Dundee would seem to present the best chance of that happening. Nevertheless, Flyers must concentrate on taking full points from Streatham and Ayr to maintain their challenge. "We want to keep the momentum going for the play-offs," stressed Plumb yesterday. Jimmy Pennycook is not available this weekend while both Stuart Drummond and Andy Linton are doubtful through injury and have no more than a 50-50 chance of playing. Dave Stoyanovich requires just five goals from this weekend's matches to bring up his 100th Heineken League goal of the season. Meanwhile Plumb was delighted at his team's success in the Scottish Challenge Cup. "It was a great game for the fans and the guys are thrilled to have won the trophy" he said. Flyers will parade the cup at tomorrow's game against Streatham.

### 30/03/1985 Fife Flyers v Streatham Redskins Premier League

Fife Flyers recorded another convincing Heineken Premier League victory at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night, but were never fully stretched by a disappointing Streatham outfit. With the disheartening news of Durham's win at Dundee, the game was something of an anticlimax, and the rather muted crowd saw one of the season's less spectacular matches. Nevertheless, the 71-19 shot tally in Flyers' favour shows how remarkable the scoreline might have been but for a defiant performance by Redskins' netminder, Jeff Smith. Although winger Jimmy Pennycook was unavailable, Stuart Drummond and Andy Linton were both passed fit to play. Flyers took the initiative from the start, but had to wait until the eighth minute to open the scoring when Smith could only block a slapshot by Neil Abel, and Ron Plumb rapped home the rebound. Five minutes later, Danny Brown shook off some tight marking to increase the lead from a Drummond assist, and soon after the same player netted against with a fine solo goal when his persistent fore-checking allowed him to win possession and coolly round Smith to score. Although Flyers continued to dominate, it was Streatham who scored the last goal of the period through Quiney. In the second period, the home side peppered the Redskins' goal with 22 shots which produced five goals. An unassisted effort by Dave Stoyanovich was followed a minute later with a goal by Danny Brown to complete his hat-trick after good leading up work by Gary McEwan and Chic Cottrell. Seven minutes later, Flyers produced another two-goal burst, with Stoyanovich setting up scores for Andy Linton and Brown. Two minutes from the buzzer, Stoyanovich himself slipped home his second goal of the night for his 97th Heineken League goal of the season. Flyers were content to coast through the final period, allowing the visitors to salvage some pride when Streatham skipper Goldstone beat Craig Dickson with two minutes remaining. However, this was another competent display by Flyers, with several more of the home players unlucky not to find the net. The match again demonstrated the Kirkcaldy sides soundness in defence especially in short-handed situations, giving them easily the best goal difference in the league.



Danny Brown completes his hat-trick against Streatham on Saturday.



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

### 31/03/1985 Fife Flyers v Ayr Bruins

### Premier League

An outstanding performance by Canadian Danny Brown helped Fife Flyers complete their unbeaten home league record against Ayr Bruins on Sunday night. Brown was involved in every goal, scoring five and assisting on the other four, despite being the target for some rough treatment meted out by the visitors. Flyers' defence continued their recent impressive run, while the form of both netminders augers well for the playoffs. It took the Kirkcaldy side only two minutes to go ahead, Brown scoring with a back-handed shot after Ayr keeper McCrone had failed to hold a powerful Neil Abel effort. Two minutes later, a sweeping move by Brown and Andy Linton left Dave Stoyanovich with the easy task of sliding the puck into the net. Despite three power play opportunities, Flyers were unable to add to their score before the buzzer, but just 50 seconds into the second period, Linton fired home a third goal. Despite chances at both ends, it was midway through the period before there was another goal — but it was worth waiting for! With Flyers skating three men against four, Brown picked up a loose puck and skated the length of the ice before calmly back-handing the puck high into the net. Bruins finally opened their account five minutes from the buzzer when player-coach Paul Bedard scored, and two minutes later, Ayr were right back in the game when Bedard netted a power play goal with Ron Plumb in the penalty box. The final period started at a furious pace, with both teams knowing that the next goal could be vital. However, with Bruins' discipline slipping, Flyers kept their cool, and the home side stretched their lead to 6-2 with goals by Plumb and Brown. The game exploded into controversy seven minutes into the period when Flyers' defenceman Brian Peat and Ayr winger Jim Dailly were sent to the penalty box after a fracas on the ice. Bruins' skipper Kevin Murphy took exception to the referee's handling of the situation, and appeared to butt the official, ensuring that he would take no further part in the proceedings. Flyers gave the perfect answer to this when Brown netted just 14 seconds later. Ayr were again in trouble with the officials when Slaughter returned from a seven minute penalty to clash with Brown, and was given a match misconduct. In an eight minute spell, Bruins had been given a remarkable 46 minutes in penalties! However, the match settled down, and Dave Stoyanovich scored his 99th league goal of the season with 90 seconds remaining. With the whole crowd urging him on towards the "ton", Stoyanovich made another break with just 10 seconds left, but the puck ran to Danny Brown who had little option but to net. Straight from the faceoff, Stoyanovich had another chance, but after rounding the netminder, he was unable to convert.



*Dave Stoyanovich leaves the Ayr defence trailing in his wake as he scores his 99th Heineken Premier League goal of the season on Sunday.*



# 1984/85 SEASON ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*\*\*\* ROTHES HALLS SHOW TICKETS NOW ON SALE \*\*\*\*

The organisers behind the reunion of Fife Flyers' 1985 British Championship winning team can now confirm that tickets for the live show taking place on **Friday, May 2nd 2025 at the Rothes Hall**, Glenrothes, are on sale.

Initial sales have been good and fans are encouraged to get their seats as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Tickets are not available through the Fife Flyers and fans are asked to either visit any OnFife box Office in person or via the Rothes Halls online ticketing site; <https://www.onfife.com/venues/rothes-halls/>

All tickets will be £25 and booking fees will apply for online purchases.

There will also be a **souvenir brochure** available to buy at £10 which tells the story of the team's incredible triumph at Wembley Arena and the season that led to that never to be forgotten weekend.

It is being put together by members of the organising committee and will be published and available for the weekend of the celebrations. Anyone who wants to order a copy in advance can do so, and get their name listed in a page for patrons. **To become a patron please contact the organising committee via the email address [fifeflyershistorian@btinternet.com](mailto:fifeflyershistorian@btinternet.com) , the FifeFlyers historian social media channels, or directly with any of the members of the committee.**

The organisers have been delighted by the initial response to news of the reunion of the Class of '85 with many old-time hockey fans keen to be involved at the live show.

They are also appealing to any supporters with memorabilia from that era to consider loaning or donating to the exhibition which will be hosted at **Kirkcaldy Galleries and will run from April 30th 2025 until June 8th 2025.**

Alan Westwater, the club's former programme editor, is leading the initiative and liaising with staff at the galleries where space has been reserved to showcase the team's successes. He said: "We'd love to hear from any fans who have items of interest - it could be anything from a strip to a puck or merchandising from Wembley in 1985. Anything loaned will be catalogued, displayed securely, and then returned afterwards." Offers of assistance should be directed via email [fifeflyershistorian@btinternet.com](mailto:fifeflyershistorian@btinternet.com)

A sportsman's lunch will take place at the **Strathearn Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on Sunday, May 4th** with further details to be announced in the coming weeks.





# KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



**Fife Redwings** produced an excellent all-round display to secure an impressive 4-1 home victory over North Ayrshire Wild U12 on Saturday.

MVP Kobi Wishart and teammate Lucas Scarborough each scored a couple of goals as the Redwings claimed the points.

Netminders Stanley Hudson and Rory Morris both played a key role in the win, restricting the visitors to just a single goal during an entertaining contest.

The result ensured the Redwings completed their home fixtures with a 5-4 record, which is an excellent return given the squad's youthful overall age.

They are back in action on Saturday at Moray Highlanders. The Redwings triumphed 7-1 in the reverse fixture and will be eager to complete the double.

**Kirkcaldy Kestrels** produced a stylish display to secure an emphatic 8-0 home victory over North Ayrshire Wild on Saturday.

Finley King set the Kestrels on their way with an early goal, but Wild dug deep to keep them at bay for the rest of the first period.

However, a five-goal blitz in the middle session, followed by two more goals in the third period, gave the scoreline a one-sided look.

King added a second goal to his personal tally, while Conor Duncan (3), Grant Jamieson, Grame-Chalmers Allan and Caiden Forbes were also on target.

With just one round of regular season games remaining, the Kestrels now know who they will face in the Scottish National League play-offs.

Steve Wishart's side will face Edinburgh Capitals and North Ayrshire in the group stage. The top two teams progress to the Final Four Weekend.

Dundee Rockets, Aberdeen Lynx and Paisley Pirates are in the other group.

The Kestrels complete their regular season fixtures at home to the Pirates on Sunday (6.00 pm).















# TABLES & FIXTURES

## SEASON 2024/25

### ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
x - Belfast Giants	45	66	27	4	10	4	169	107	0.73	
x - Sheffield Steelers	46	63	28	2	13	3	178	119	0.68	
x - Nottingham Panthers	46	62	25	4	13	4	151	103	0.67	
x - Cardiff Devils	45	58	26	2	15	2	151	115	0.64	
Coventry Blaze	46	54	19	6	17	4	151	141	0.59	
Guildford Flames	46	50	19	3	18	6	154	149	0.54	
Glasgow Clan	45	47	17	5	20	3	141	148	0.52	
Dundee Stars	47	44	16	4	23	4	149	179	0.47	
Manchester Storm	45	36	14	3	26	2	138	172	0.4	
Fife Flyers	45	10	3	1	39	2	92	241	0.11	

As at 10th March 2025

x - denotes qualified for playoffs

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
CC	Wed	12-Mar-2025	Belfast Giants	Cardiff Devils	19:00
231	Sat	15-Mar-2025	Cardiff Devils	Dundee Stars	19:00
232	Sat	15-Mar-2025	Glasgow Clan	Coventry Blaze	19:00
233	Sat	15-Mar-2025	Manchester Storm	Nottingham Panthers	19:00
234	Sat	15-Mar-2025	Sheffield Steelers	Guildford Flames	19:00
235	Sat	15-Mar-2025	Fife Flyers	Belfast Giants	19:15
236	Sun	16-Mar-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Fife Flyers	16:00
237	Sun	16-Mar-2025	Sheffield Steelers	Cardiff Devils	16:00
238	Sun	16-Mar-2025	Glasgow Clan	Belfast Giants	17:00
239	Sun	16-Mar-2025	Coventry Blaze	Manchester Storm	17:30
240	Sun	16-Mar-2025	Guildford Flames	Dundee Stars	18:00

# 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
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Sunday Jan 12th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	16:00	Lost	0-8
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Sunday Mar 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Apr 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Apr 6th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		



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