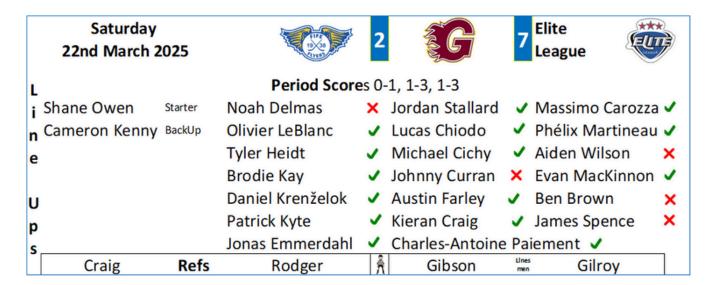


## MATCH REPORT



The Flyers welcomed the Guildford Flames for the final meeting of the sides this season. Phélix Martineau returned to home bench following injury with Aiden Wilson, Ben Brown Jānis Voris, James Spence and Joe Lynch all scratched. The visitors scratched Kyle Locke, along with captain Brett Ferguson and Jake Coughler.

Shane Owen made the first save of the game when he gloved a shot from Mike Crocock from the right circle. The Flyers went on the first power play when Austin Glover was called for a slash on Brodie Kay. Jake Kupsky saw his first serious action as he had to deal with one timers from Austin Farley and Olivier LeBlanc as the visitors returned to full strength. Charles-Antoine Paiement broke free of the Flames defence in the 6th minute but was thwarted as he shot by a great poke check by Zack Hoffman. Owen came up with a big pad save in the 7th minute as Travis Brown snuck in on the far side and from the slot let a shot go. Kupsky turned away a shot by Massimo Carozza with his stick in the 9th minute on a delayed penalty call as Sam Jones was binned for hooking to send the Flyers back on the power play. Lucas Chiodo tried to go top corner but Kupsky was alert to turn the puck over the bar with his stick and as the visitors returned to full strength Ryan Tait hit the outside frame of the goal from an angle. Owen was busy in the 12th minute as he made four stops all on Daniel Tedesco, the first two from close range then he swallowed a huge blast from the slot. Tedesco was denied again with a close in tip which saw a fine reaction from the Fife goalie. The Flyers had a chance in the 15th minute when Michael Cichy broke 2 on 1 with Chiodo and the latter saw his shot turned aside by the Flames keeper. Moments later Owen made a huge save as Josh Waller found space to drive the net as the Flyers were penalised for interference and Jonas Emmerdahl headed to the box. Owen started the penalty kill with two saves on Brett Welychka but he could do nothing to prevent the visitors taking the lead when Matt Alvaro set up Jack Jacome on the edge of the crease to lift the puck into the Fife net. In the 18th minute Evan MacKinnon had his shot blockered away by Kupsky.

#### PERIOD 2

The Flames went back on the powerplay in the opening minute of the second period as Emmerdahl was called for boarding. Owen was next in action to make a save on Waller and soon followed that up by denying Alvaro then Brown. With 6 seconds remaining Daniel Catenacci got the gate for the Flames after he slashed the stick out of the hands of Tyler Heidt. The Flyers were soon on the powerplay as Kupsky held a big blast from Chiodo. The Flames survived a breakout by the Flyers as Martineau fed the puck rink wide to Kieran Craig who then tried to find Carozza in the slot but the puck bobbled away and the chance was gone with Kupsky all at sea. The visitors returned to full strength and soon doubled their lead as Tedesco went strongly to the net and somehow the puck bounced in behind Owen. In the 28th minute Glover got in behind the Flyers defence but Owen shrugged away his shot.

## MATCH REPORT

A minute later and the Flames created a turnover and Brown fed the puck to Ethan Strang who outwaited Owen before firing his shot five hole. In the 31st minute the Flyers were back on the penalty kill as Heidt was called for tripping. The home side almost fashioned a shorthanded goal as Craig and Carozza raced away but Kupsky stood tall and the Flyers completed the rest of their kill to return to full strength. The Flames added a fourth goal in the 33rd minute when Brown put the puck on net from the point and Sam Talbot standing in the slot deflected it past Owen. The Flyers broke 3 on 1 in the 34th minute but Craig had the puck roll off his stick at the vital moment. The Flyers returned to the man advantage in the 36th minute when Marcus Tesink caught Chiodo with a high stick. The Flyers made it count as Carozza feathered a nice pass inside the Flames box to MacKinnon who redirected it high over Kupsky for his first ever professional goal. In the final minute of the period Kupsky fought off a bad angled shot by Paiement.

#### **PERIOD 3**

Just 35 seconds into the final period and there was some concern for Owen who made a save on Alvaro but fell awkwardly and was clearly shaken up but after a few minutes he was able to stay in the game. The Flames went onto the powerplay again in the 41st minute when Jordy Stallard was assessed a slashing penalty. With 35 seconds of the man advantage remaining the sides were evened up as Waller was sent to the bin on a tripping call as the sides skated 4 on 4. Flyers returned to full strength and onto the powerplay as Chiodo tested Kupsky with a shot that went in and out of the goalies glove as the Flames completed the kill. In the 46th minute Strang couldn't get enough on a slap pass with plenty of net to aim for and a minute later Owen came up big with a left pad save on Talbot. The Flyers keeper made another fine leg extension save on Jacome and then denied Zack Hoffman when he sealed his near post. The visitors extended their lead when they won a puck battle in the Flyers zone and Hook set up Tesink with plenty of space and his shot found the corner of the net. The Flyers quickly pulled a goal back when Paiement carried the puck into the Flames zone and dropped it to Stallard who drifted a shot just inside the far post on Kupsky. On the restart Cichy had a chance in the slot but he pulled his shot wide of the target. The Flames added another in the 53rd minute when Waller found Tait in front of the net and he was able to redirect the puck high over the glove of Owen. Daniel Krenželok was assessed a boarding call in the 54th minute and the Flames added another on the powerplay but not before Owen made a lights out save going post to post to stone Jacome but he could do nothing to stop Welychka who picked the top corner over his glove. The Flyers were on the power play again in the 57th minute but the Flames completed the kill and with 90 seconds to go the visitors returned to the man advantage as Martineau was given the extra penalty for a slash in a melee in front of the Flames net as he and Cichy along with Jones and Tesink were all charged with offsetting roughing minors.

	Flyers	<u>Stats</u>			<u>Flames Stats</u>				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	MacKinnon	Carozza	LeBlanc	1	Jacome	Alvaro	Strang	For	
29	Stallard	Paiement		2	Tedesco	Tesink	Catenacci	46	
Shots				3	Strang	Brown	Jacome	Shots	
Against				4	Talbot	Crocock	Tait	Against	
46				5	Tesink	Hook	Talbot	29	
PiMS				6	Tait	Waller	Alvaro	PiMS	
16				7	Welychka	Tedesco	Brown	16	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
MacKinnon				10				Waller	

FLAMES





JILLIAN MCFARLANE & DEREK YOUNG











## STEVEN KING

Fife Flyers Ice Hockey Club are delighted to recognise the contribution made by Steven King by retiring his #12 jersey to the rafters.

The celebration is scheduled to take place ahead of the match on Sunday 30th March.

A limited edition printed commemorative programme will be on sale priced £3 on the night or by contacting the club at:

enquiries@fifeflyers.co.uk



## INTRODUCING STEVEN KING...

Steven King, or 'Kingy' to many was born in Kirkcaldy and played through many successful seasons with the Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club's junior development programme. He made his senior hockey debut in December 1989 at 14 years of age, the second youngest player ever to play for the Flyers. He switched to his now synonymous number 12 jersey in 1991/92 when he scored his first ever Flyers goal against the Durham Wasps and went on to help the Flyers regain their place in the Heineken Premiership league that season. In season 1993/94 he was the Flyers top British scorer with 94 points and scored his first senior hat trick as he played on a line with Mark Morrison and Doug Smail. Steven gained Great Britian recognition but often missed out on furthering his International prospects due to work commitments. Steven's production continued through the 1990's and he was made an assistant captain in season 1995/96. In season 1996/97 he recorded a 10 point game with 5 goals and 5 assists and the decade ended with back to back British Playoff Championship trophy wins the second of which saw Steven playing with a double broken jaw as he also helped the club secured a Grand Slam. In December 2002 his second assist of the night against Dundee saw Steven score his 1000th point for the club. Season 2009/10 saw him achieve another couple of personal milestones as he became the only player so far to play 1000 games in a match against the Dundee Tigers in November and in March he registered has 1000th assist against the Charlestown Chiefs the only Flyers player to breakthrough that four figure threshold. A one club player Steven has the second longest longevity streak of 23 seasons as a Flyer and he recorded 1553 points from his 1034 games which are both all-time leading numbers that may very well never be broken.

## MATCH REPORT

Sunday 23rd March			7	120	2	Elite League	
L		Period Scor	es :	1-0, 3-0, 3-2,			
¡ Jānis Voris	Starter	Noah Delmas	×	Nathan MacKinnon	1	Massimo Carozza	a 🗸
n Joel Bearman	BackUp	Olivier LeBlanc	×	Lucas Chiodo	V	Phélix Martineau	<b>1</b> 🗸
e		Tyler Heidt	~	Michael Cichy	J	Ben Brown	×
_		Brodie Kay	J	Johnny Curran	×	Kieran Craig	1
U		Daniel Krenželok	1	Austin Farley	J	Jordan Stallard	~
р		Patrick Kyte	~	Aiden Wilson	×	Joe Lynch	1
S		Jonas Emmerdahl	~	Charles-Antoine Pa	ien	nent 🗸	
Rose	Refs	lons	Â	Cook	Line	Sore	

The Flyers travelled to the Skydome for their final meeting of the season with the Coventry Blaze. The visitors were without the injured Olivier LeBlanc and also scratched Shane Owen with Jānis Voris getting the start and the youngster Joel Bearman from the Blaze NIHL side backing up. Joe Lynch found a space on the bench with Aiden Wilson, Ben Brown and James Spence also scratched. The home side were without Zach Heintz, Grayson Constable, Zach Vinnell and the long term injured Jakob Stridsberg.

Voris made the first save of the game as he comfortably gloved the puck from a point shot by Terrance Amorosa. The Flyers fashioned a nice flowing attack in the 4th minute and Michael Cichy passed the puck in from the boards to Evan MacKinnon who forced Mat Robson to make a fine pad save. A minute later and the Coventry keeper was again in action as he was well positioned to stop a shot from Charles-Antoine Paiement who hit him in the logo. The Blaze went ahead in the 6th minute with some misfortune for Voris who came out behind his net to play a dump in by Brady Pouteau and fumbled the puck which allowed Kim Tallberg to collect and hit the empty net. In the 7th minute Patrick Kyte and Michael Regush collected offsetting roughing minors in a tussle in front of the Flyers goal as the teams skated 5 on 5. Amorosa had another big blast on the Fife net in the 9th minute that Voris knocked into the corner with his pads. The Blaze almost doubled their advantage in the 11th minute as Nick Seitz ripped a shot off the underside of the bar. The Flyers went on the first power play of the game in the 13th minute when Amorosa was called for hooking. Robson blockered away a shot by Phélix Martineau and Cichy arriving at the back door saw his backhand effort denied as the Blaze keeper was well positioned as the home side completed the kill and returned to full strength. David Clements inadvertently set up a chance for MacKinnon in the 15th minute with a wayward pass but the Fife forward blasted wide of net from the slot. Voris made a stellar stop in the 17th minute with a full extension to make a toe save to deny Seitz what looked a certain goal.

### PERIOD 2

In the 22nd minute the Flyers almost levelled when Robson juggled a puck put on net and with Lucas Chiodo lurking he finally managed to cover the puck up and get the stoppage. Jack Hopkins went short side on Voris who sealed his post and the Flyers went the other way with Chiodo taking advantage of a fortunate bounce of the puck off the referee to take it to the net but Robson stayed patient and outwaited him to make the save. In the 26th minute Voris made a blocker save on Jackson Cressey but the Fife keeper was left helpless in the next Blaze attack as Seitz finished a tic tac toe move with the final pass coming from Hopkins to leave him a slam dunk into a wide open net.

## MATCH REPORT

A minute later and Cichy was called for a hook and the Blaze on their first power play of the night wasted no time and within 15 seconds Brandon Alderson unleashed a bomb of a one timer from the circles that beat Voris on his glove side. The Blaze were penalised in the 29th minute for delay of game as Chase Gresock shot the puck over the glass but they completed the kill without the Flyers getting a shot on Robson. As they returned to full strength Pouteau got a shot away from the point that Voris saved with his stick. In the 32nd minute Paiement set up Austin Farley at the back post but he didn't get everything on his shot and Robson got a cross to make the block. A minute later and the Blaze had another as Seitz carried the puck into the zone and wired it over the pad and under the glove of Voris. In the 34th minute good set up play by Alessio Luciani allowed Alderson to step into another big one timer that was kicked away by Voris. The Flyers returned to the powerplay in the 35th minute with Hopkins called for a trip on Martineau. Once again the Flyers failed to get anything set up and the Blaze returned to full strength unscathed. The period ended with the Flyers again with the man advantage as Luciani was assessed a holding penalty. This time they did make Robson work who had to shoulder away a Daniel Krenželok shot before right on the buzzer Chiodo set up Cichy for a one timer that Robson made a great pad save on.

#### PERIOD 3

The Blaze returned to full strength at the start of the third period and within 40 seconds they added another goal as they broke 3 on 2 and Alderson snapped the puck top corner over the glove of Voris. In the 43rd minute Tallberg was assessed a tripping penalty as he upended Brodie Kay off the puck but the best chances on the Flyers powerplay fell to the Blaze who had shorthanded bids by Pouteau and Morten Jurgens. The Blaze completed the kill and in the 46th minute Amorosa tried to beat Voris with a wraparound but the Fife keeper was alert to the danger. The Blaze went back on the powerplay when Massimo Carozza got the gate for interference on Luciani. The Fife penalty kill was strong and they returned to even strength with Voris only called upon to make a couple of routine saves. The Flyers were in penalty trouble almost immediately as Tyler Heidt was binned for cross checking Luciani. The Blaze once again struck quickly with their man advantage as Tallberg picked out Alderson at the back post and he slipped the puck into the net for his hat trick. 9 seconds after the restart the Blaze had another as Jurgens beat Voris on his short side with a quick snapshot. In the 52nd minute Voris saved a Pouteau blast from the circles and a minute later Gresock missed a glorious chance when all alone in the slot and he fired wide then couldn't beat Voris as the puck bounced back out into the slot. The Flyers broke the Robson shutout in the 55th minute when Patrick Kyte rushed the puck up ice and after his initial shot was saved he picked the puck up behind the net to bank it in off the skates of the Blaze goalie from below the goal line. Robson made a save on Carozza in the 57th minute when he sealed his short side but the Flyers found another goal in the final two minutes when Martineau stole the puck and worked his way into the slot to beat Robson with a shot to his stick side.

	Blaz	e Stats				Flyers S	<u>Stats</u>	
<b>Shots For</b>	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
For	Tallberg			1	Kyte	Martineau		For
38	Seitz	Hopkins	Luciani	2	Martineau			22
Shots	Alderson	Gresock	Tallberg	3				Shots
Against	Seitz	Regush		4				Against
22	Alderson	Seitz	Luciani	5				38
PiMS	Alderson	Tallberg	Regush	6				PiMS
12	Jurgens	McKenzie	Kennedy	7				8
				8				
MOM				9				MOM
Alderson				10				Martineau

BLAZE





**COVENTRY BLAZE** 







## **DOING THE NUMBERS**

## Flyers Stats 2024/25

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Players	Pos	-	Tot G		Tot Pts		_		PiMs	S	S %	GAA	-	PS S	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	55	0	2	2	0	0	2	10	1991	0.89	5	0	0	2699	225
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
Joel Bearman	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	34	0	2	2	0	0	2	31	677	0.87	5.48	0	0	952	87
Cameron Kenny	G	23	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	60	6	16	22	2	5	7		1	1	4	10	14	56	98
Brodie Kay	D	48	0	0	0			0			0			0	6	28
Daniel Krenželok	D	60	6	8	14	1	3	4			0	5	5	10	48	185
Patrick Kyte	D	47	4	6	10	1	1	2			0	3	5	8	49	66
Olivier LeBlanc	D	53	0	13	13		4	4			0		9	9	70	48
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	14	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	8	17
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Lucas Chiodo	F	60	15	32	47	5	8	13			0	10	24	34	12	165
Michael Cichy	F	60	19	21	40	8	6	14		1	1	11	14	25	18	118
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	46	4	11	15	1	1	2			0	3	10	13	10	70
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	47	21	21	42	5	7	12		1	1	16	13	29	43	169
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	40	11	13	24	1	6	7	1		1	9	7	16	12	82
Jordan Stallard	F	38	5	9	14	-	3	3	-		0	5	6	11	12	56
Ben Brown	F	27	0	2	2			0			0	J	2	2	2	27
Kieran Craig	F	27	12	5	17	5		5	1		1	6	5	11	16	73
Owen Dell	F	1	0	0	0	9		0	-		0	Ŭ		0	0	0
Rhys Edwards	F	1	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0
Joe Lynch	F	8	0	0	0			0			0			0	0	0
Evan MacKinnon	F	10	1	1	2	1		1			0		1	1	0	14
Charles-Antoine Paiement		23	4	5	9	1	1	2			0	3	4	7	35	57
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Inc All Competitions									•					Team	24	
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24/03/2025			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 Golas 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
1 - Craig	1 - Craig Carozza	2 - Cichy 1 - Musorov Krenželok Chiodo Martineau	1 - Pilon	10

## **WEEK 29 - FLYERS STATS RECAP**

### On Saturday night......

### Fife Flyers 2 Guildford Flames 7 - Elite League

The Flames completed a season sweep against the Flyers, the first time the Flyers have failed to pick up at least a point against the Flames in the EIHL era.

The Flames have now won their last three games at Kirkcaldy which ties their best sequence in the EIHL era.

Congratulations to Evan MacKinnon on his first goal for the Flyers and also his first in the professional game.

The Flyers were on the penalty kill 6 times in the game which equals a season high for them.

Jordy Stallard and Charles-Antoine Paiement extend their active points streak to 4 games.

### On Sunday night.....

#### Coventry Blaze 7 Fife Flyers 2 - Elite League

The Blaze completed a season sweep against the Flyers for the first time in the EIHL era and outscored them 34-10 in the process.

It was also their 6th consecutive win against the Flyers which is their best sequence in all EIHL competitions against Fife.

Brandon Alderson became the third Blaze player to score a hattrick this season and 8th all-time in the EIHL against the Flyers.

Including shootout goals the 5th goal scored by Blaze was the 3000th goal conceded by Flyers in all EIHL competitions.

Jordy Stallard and Charles-Antoine Paiement both had their 4 game point streaks end.

		S	eason 2024-25 Flye	rs ga	ames Officiated by the S	Strip	ey's	
	2 Dave Good	1	19 Steve Brown	17	44 Sam Anderson	4	77 James Ions	5
	3 Tom Pering	3	20 Pavel Halas	8	45 Vytas Lukosevicius	2	24 Rene Jensen	1
	9 Joe Sewell	3	23 Andrew Miller	2	46 Andrew Jarvie	2		
Calle	11 Matt Rose	5	25 Andrew Dalton	4	48 Oliver Truswell			
	14 Chris Wells	4	42 Hollie Neenan	3	49 Daniel Ferguson	22		
A.IIIIIII	16 Alan Craig	15	43 Graham Rodger	16	52 Stephen Matthews	5		



## WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 30



#### **Recent Form Guide**

The two teams met less than a fortnight ago with the Giants claiming a narrow win at Fife Ice Arena. The following night the Giants visited the Braehead Clan and eked out a point in a 2-1 shootout Loss. Last weekend they visited the Cardiff Devils an in a strong third period comeback managed to take the game beyond regulation before losing out in the shootout. The following night back on home ice the Giants handily disposed of the Giants to return back to the top of the standings. The Giants have four of their remaining five games at the SSE.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO GIANTS

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	<b>Giants Stats</b>					Flyers Stats		
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Cooper	Kawaguchi	Hanson	61	Goal 1	Carozza	Craig	Heidt	12
Piccinich	Conway	Roach	Shots Against	Goal 2				Shots Against
Morin	Cooper	Barriga	12	Goal 3				61
Bast	Goodwin	Piccinich	PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS
Kawaguchi	Cooper	Lake	2	Goal 5				8
Kawaguchi	Conway	Hanson		Goal 6				
Conway	Piccinich	Bast	Goalie	Goal 7				Goalie
Kawaguchi	Lake	Morin	McCollum	Goal 8				Owen
				Goal 9				]
				Goal 10				

### OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST GIANTS

### P 29 W 3 L 26 F 59 A 149

#### **Number Crunching**

The Giants will be looking to extend their winning sequence against the Flyers this season and potentially complete a clean sweep in all 6 matches.

There are potential goal milestones for both teams with the Flyers needing two more goals for 200 and the Giants seven more for 400 goals in all EIHL competitions between the two excluding shootouts.

Massimo Carozza will be looking to keep his scoring streak going against the Giants as he has goals in the last 4 meetings with them. It is the joint best run with Derek Roehl of scoring for a Flyers player against the Giants in all EIHL competitions.

JJ Piccinich is the Giants top scorer against the Flyers this season with 7 goals whilst Massimo Carozza leads the way for the Flyers in these games with 4 goals.

18 different Giants players have found the net against the Flyers this season with 11 different Flyers on target in the games played so far.

The Giants lead all teams with 10 shutouts this season.

The Giants average of 40.77 shots on goal per game across all EIHL competitions this season is most of all teams.

The Giants have conceded the fewest goals this season across all EIHL competitions with an average per game of 2.23.



## WEEKEND PREVIEW

## **WEEK 30**



#### **Recent Form Guide**

The Flyers last meet the Steelers in mid-February when they were on the wrong end of a lopsided Sheffield win. The following weekend the Steelers last in a 3-2 shootout on home ice against the Panthers before reversing that scoreline the next night at the Spectrum against the Flames. A heavy midweek defeat in Cardiff was followed up by another humbling as the Coventry Blaze came into the Utilita Arena to shut the Steelers out whilst scoring six in the process which so far is the biggest defeat on the season for the Yorkshire side. 24 hours later and the Steelers rebounded with an emphatic 10-4 win on Tayside against the Stars but once again were defeated by bitter rivals Nottingham in a shootout in their next outing. Their next three games were all on home ice and resulted in one goals wins as they saw off the Glasgow Clan, Guildford Flames and Cardiff Devils. Last weekend they started on the road in Glasgow where they handed the Clan their heaviest defeat of the season with a 10-2 scoreline. The following night back on home ice the Steelers saw off the Manchester Storm. Ahead of their visit to Fife the Steelers were at home to the Dundee Stars.

#### LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM STEELERS

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	Flyers Stats		_		9	Steelers Stats		
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Cichy	Martineau	Chiodo	28	Goal 1	Vallerand	Juusola	Diffley	38
Chichy	Foss	Chiodo	Shots Against	Goal 2	Juusola	Dowd	Golod	Shots Against
Foss	Stallard		38	Goal 3	Simpson	Balmas	Vallerand	28
Martineau	Chiodo	Delmas	PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS
Pilon	Martineau		10	Goal 5				6
			]	Goal 6				]
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			]	Goal 9				]
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### OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST STEELERS

#### P 32 W 9 L 23 F 77 A 118

### **Number Crunching**

The Flyers will be looking to make it back to back home wins against the Steelers for only the second time in all EIHL competitions with the last time being in 2017.

The Steelers have outscored the Flyers 28-9 in their five meetings so far this season.

13 different Steelers players have found the net against the Flyers this season with 6 different Flyers finding the net in the five games.

Mark Simpson and Mikko Juusola with 5 goals each have top scored for the Steelers against the Flyers so far this season whilst Phélix Martineau leads for the Flyers with 3 goals.

On special teams the Steelers are 4 for 15 and the Flyers 4 for 9 on the power play in the games between them this season.

The Steelers have scored 4 of the 7 total penalty shot goals across all EIHL competitions this season.

The Steelers lead all teams for empty net goals scored with 14 this season.

The Steelers have scored the most goals per game across all EIHL competitions this season with a 3.9 average.





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

#### Wednesday 19th March

Nottingham Panthers 5 Cardiff Devils 1 Elite League

(2-0, 1-1, 2-0,) SOG 35-31 PIMs 10-16 Att 4836

Nottingham Panthers moved into second place thanks to a convincing 5-1 win over fourth-placed Cardiff Devils on Wednesday night. Panthers head coach Danny Stewart probably couldn't have drawn up a better opening period. While the Panthers didn't create a huge amount, they gave up very little and came out with a two-goal lead. Logan Neilson put the home side ahead after just 92 seconds when Davis Bunz's shot took a nasty deflection off Ben Almquist and fell straight on the stick of Logan Neilson to shot home in the slot. The Devils were almost level when Sam Duggan stepped into a wrist shot in the slot but saw his shot come back off Jason Grande's post. Cardiff had two powerplay opportunities in the period, but only called Grande into work from distance. In between those penalties, Sam Herr rang a shot off Mac Carruth's post as he shot somewhat speculatively from the wing. With the Devils enjoying their second powerplay of the game, interchange play between Cole Sanford and Evan Mosey saw the puck get turned over by Matt Alfaro who then fed Herr who raced away and beat Carruth shorthanded at 17:23. Cardiff were more on the front foot and creating better chances in periods two, although the Panthers remained a threat on the rush. The Devils really should have been on the board 10 minutes into period two. Grande made an excellent save off Kohen Olischefski's initial shot, while a combination of Jaakko Niskala and Ollie Betteridge threw their bodies in front of Sanford's follow-up to keep the puck out. Grande then covered a loose puck on the line to stop Sanford tapping it in. The Devils were finally on the board when Riley Brandy ripped a wrist shot up and over the shoulder of Grande out of almost nothing with just over eight minutes left in the second. Herr's tightangle shot came off Carruth's shoulder in the Panthers' best chance of a period. Although the Panthers were second best for a lot of period two, a one-timer off Tim Doherty's stick from Cooper Zech's feed, on the powerplay, put the home side back two ahead. Brant joined words between Cody Donaghey and Mitch Fossier at the end of period two and ended up glove-punching Fossier, causing a scrum as the players left the ice. The Devils came out of the melee short at the start of period three, and that came back to hurt them. 63 seconds into the period, Matt Alvaro beat Carruth high through a screen to put the Panthers 4-1 ahead. Just 66 seconds after that, Zsombor Garát's shot hit the backboards and landed back in the slot for Herr to put home and make it 5-1. Donaghey's diving block prevent the Panthers scoring again on a 3-on-1 rush a couple of plays later. Evan Mosey came close to getting one back for the Devils but shot straight at Grande, while MacDonald hit the crossbar as the visitors pushed back. That was, however, has good as it got for the visitors who were restricted to just the gone goal on the road and fell to their third successive road defeat where with four goals against. The Panthers moved into second with the win heading into the weekend.

#### Friday 21st March

Cardiff Devils 4 Belfast Giants 3 Shootout Elite League

(1-0, 1-0, 1-3, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 26-35 PIMs 8-4 Att 3110

Ben Bowns stopped all four Belfast Giants shots in the shootout to earn Cardiff Devils a 4-3 win over Belfast Giants on Friday night. A sold-out Vindico Arena crowd saw the Devils get their first win over the Giants this season. "We had our full team going tonight," began Joey Martin, who scored two goals for the Devils. "If you look at the league standings, for us there wasn't a lot to play for but we showed a lot of pride and character against a good team that's going for the league title." A rapid start to the game saw a range of near misses for the Devils within the first few minutes of the period. The home side looked the more likely to score, and did so when JJ Piccinich was given a tripping minor. Neat passing play involving Zach O'Brien set up Martin for a snipe over Tom McCollum's shoulder to put the Devils one at 7:13, just 50 seconds into the penalty. A late tripping call on Evan Mosey carried the Giants' on-ice advantage over to the next period, but it was the hosts who led by one after 20 minutes.





The opening 10 minutes of period two were well-contested with the Devils again looking the more likely to score. When Bo Hanson was sent to the box for a checking to the head minor, the Devils' powerplay leapt into action again – O'Brien shooting quickly off a Cole Sanford pass to make it 2-0 with 33:48 played. Belfast started period three with a 5-on-3 advantage after minors on Martin and Jarrod Gourley at the end of the second. It took them just 49 seconds to get back into things as || Piccinich fed Mark Cooper across the zone to one-time past Bowns and make it a one-goal game. The Giants could easily have been level with 14 minutes to go, but as the puck moved the other way McCollum stopped not only Josh MacDonald's shot but his rebound attempt as well to keep the Giants just one behind. Martin capitalised on a turnover by the Giants in their own end just a couple of minutes later to make it 3-1. MacDonald fed Martin to beat McCollum after Sanford had chased down his own clearance to beat our icing and the Devils were up by two with 10:47 to play. McCollum's triple save off chances for Gourley and Brad Schoonbaert prevented the Devils going further ahead, but the Giants were to get back within one again. While the Devils won the faceoff in their own end, the puck took a couple of weird bounces and fell kindly for Pierre-Olivier Morin to shoot home and make it a one-goal game again with just under nine minutes to play. With 7:45 to go, it was 3-3. After chances in and around Bowns, Zak Galambos was left in too much space and picked his spot past the GB goalie to tie the game. "We had to stay composed, that's the word we were using," continued Martin. "In the past few games, we've been a little frustrated and lost our cool a little bit, so the message was to stay composed and stick with it." The Giants looked the more dangerous team going into the final minutes, and a faceoff with seven seconds to go gave them the chance to draw up a play. The Devils, however, won it, and the game went to overtime. Bowns was the star of overtime which ended scoreless. The Giants were handed a powerplay on a questionable slashing minor for Martin, but Bowns came up with a wonderful pad stop to keep the game alive. Galambos looked like he would have a chance to win it in the final seconds, but an excellent hit from Evan Mosey took the opportunity away. In the shootout, Bowns stopped all four shots on him to give his team a chance to win. For the Devils, Josh MacDonald scored to put them ahead while Kohen Olischefski controlled a bobbling puck to score the second that won it in the final round. "I've played with Ben for a long time so what he did there didn't surprise me too much!" revealed Martin. "He's one of the best goalies in my mind and we all have total confidence in him."

### Glasgow Clan 2 Sheffield Steelers 10 Elite League

(0-3, 1-5, 1-2,) SOG 33-34 PIMs 6-4 Att 3226

Sheffield Steelers were in no mood to celebrate retro night in Braehead with a 10-2 thrashing of Glasgow Clan at Braehead Arena. The Steelers took the lead straight off the opening faceoff. Won by Brandon Whistle, the puck went back into the Steelers' zone before he broke forward and worked the puck across the slot to Mikko Juusola to open the scoring with only 13 seconds played. Robert Lachowicz and Chris Martinet had close should in around Matt Greenfield as Clan looked to hit back. A terrible turnover by Clan in their own end put the puck on the stick of Daniel Leavens to one-time home and made it 2-0 with under three minutes played. Tyson McLellan's nice move almost got Clan on the board but he narrowly missed the target. Clan should have got their opening goal of the night towards the end of the period, but Mitchell Heard's shot from point-blank range was somehow stopped by Greenfield's paddle. That save led to the Steelers going three ahead. Clan again turned the puck over in their own zone, allowing Leavens to beat his man and fire past Landon Bow with 39 seconds remaining in the first. Clan coach Corey Neilson opted to put Lucas Brine in net from the start of period two in an effort to shake things up. The new goalie was on hand to deny Leavens making it a hat trick after another Clan turnover, while Robert Dowd shot over on a breakaway. Marc-Olivier Vallerand's perfect shot into the top corner of Brine's net made it 4-0 6:07 into period two. Mitchell Balmas' 18th of the season came on a powerplay off Juusola's pass to make five just past the midway point of the game. Leavens made it a hat trick with a far-post finish off Vallerand's pass to put the Steelers six ahead. Heard did get Clan on the board when he got on his own rebound to finally beat Greenfield, but Balmas' second of the period put the Steelers 7-1 ahead with 4:03 remaining in the second. That lead was extended out to 8-1 by Patrick Watling 90 seconds later. Marco De Filippo entered the visitors' net for the final period, but he only needed to watch on as Leavens scored his fourth of the game 2:48 into the final period. Watling made it 10-1 with 47:14 played, although Clan had the final goal of the night through Robert Lachowicz with 9:59 remaining. The Steelers remain undefeated in Braehead since April 2022.





#### Saturday 22nd March

Glasgow Clan 0 Nottingham Panthers 3 Elite League

(0-1, 0-0, 0-2,) SOG 36-24 PIMs 2-4 Att 3580

It was a much-improved display from the Glasgow Clan, but it wasn't to be as Nottingham Panthers took away the Elite League points in a 3-0 win for them at Braehead Arena. Clan came out for the game determined to draw a line under Friday's heavy loss at the hands of Sheffield Steelers and from the off, looked more drilled and focused in the early stages. A Chris McKay chance needed a touch from Panthers goalie Jason Grande, who was helped out by his defence before the Clan could get hold of the loose puck. Landon Bow, reinstated in the home net, saved well to deny Mitch Fossier's redirected effort which came initially from Tim Doherty's chance. Some good movement around the Nottingham zone saw Matt Berry tee up Joseph Hazeldine, but Grande was equal to it. A clearance opened things up for the Clan as Robert Lachowicz steamed his way through the centre, with Nottingham's netminder getting something on that as well as Deven Sideroff's follow-up. Cade Neilson had a similar chance minutes later shorthanded, with Grande coolly dealing with it. It was the visitors who took the lead with 67 seconds left of the first as Sam Herr managed to poke into the Clan net. Like the previous meetings, this game was a tight one with both goalies looking good whenever they were called upon. Grande again came up good when Liam Finlay moved quickly to negate an icing to cut back to Cole Ully, who was denied. Then Darien Kielb was denied on a wraparound chance, with the Panthers goalie again coming up big to deny Berry on the follow up. Bow prevented a big chance in the third as Herr broke through shorthanded as the Panthers looked to double their advantage. Then Quinn Wichers hit the post before Rylan Schwartz's route to goal was denied by Tim Spencer's defensive stick. The game was still locked at just the one goal in favour of Nottingham by the midway point of the third period and went close on two occasions as Didrik Henbrant then Hugo Roy both hit the post and the bar respectively. The visitors were starting to turn up the heat as Matt Alfaro's shot from the inside left saw Bow grab it and hold it to his chest. Grande produced another big save as Mitchell Heard's diagonal shot was saved by the leg pad, but Berry couldn't capitalise on the rebound. The visitors got their second goal inside the final five minutes as Doherty tucked away the rebound after Bow had dealt with Alfaro's chance before getting it back and stroking to his team-mate to apply the finish. Fossier scored with an empty netter with a couple of minutes to go to put a sheen on the scoreline as Clan pulled Bow in an attempt to salvage something from the game.

Sheffield Steelers 4 Manchester Storm 1 Elite League

(2-1, 2-0, 0-0,) SOG 32-26 PIMs 2-2 Att 7888

The Sheffield Steelers secured an important victory on home ice, overcoming the Manchester Storm with a 4-1 win to move to the top of the Elite League standings. A strong second period set the tone, while a controlled third period saw them close out the contest with ease. Sheffield entered the night aiming to build on their dominant 10-2 win over Glasgow, but the Storm came out battling, testing Matthew Greenfield early. Despite Dallas Ehrhardt opening the scoring for Manchester at 11:33, the Steelers responded swiftly. Robert Dowd tied the game just 39 seconds later, and Sacha Guimond's long-range effort found the net at 13:42 after an unfortunate error from Storm netminder David Tendeck, giving Sheffield a 2-1 lead after 20 minutes. Sheffield dominated the second frame, extending their lead to 4-1 while outshooting the Storm 26-19. Dowd grabbed his second of the night at 21:41, pouncing on a loose puck in the crease. Marco Vallerand added another at 33:39, burying a rebound after Patrick Watling's initial effort was saved. Tensions flared as Vallerand found himself in the penalty box, but the Steelers' defence held strong, maintaining their lead heading into the final period. With a comfortable lead, the Steelers played smart, shutting down the Storm's attack and managing the game efficiently. Greenfield was rock-solid, finishing with a 96.15% save percentage, and Sheffield limited Manchester's chances to just seven shots in the final period. Dowd's twogoal effort earned him Man of the Match honours, capping off a composed team performance. With the win, Sheffield moved one point clear at the top of the standings, but their position remained tentative as they awaited the following night's results.





### Dundee Stars 3 Coventry Blaze 4 Elite League

(1-1, 1-1, 1-2,) SOG 39-35 PIMs 18-6 Att 2014

The Stars had been boosted by the return of imports Cole MacDonald and Xavier Pouliot to their line-up but they would find themselves behind after only two minutes of play, as Nick Seitz slipped in behind the Dundee defence and fired the puck past Jarrett Fiske. Although, the home team soon began to gather some momentum with the line of Keanu Yamamoto, Brett Gravelle and Philippe Sanche creating the best chances for the Taysiders. Eventually, Marc LeFebvre's men would break through the Blaze defences as Brendan Harms blocked a shot in his own end and the puck sprung out of the zone and sent Spencer Naas in behind on a breakaway, where he would fool goalie, Mat Robson and slide the puck underneath him on eight minutes. Both sides then had powerplay chances in the opening period but remained tied at 1-1 heading to the second, where Coventry were the only side to gain a man advantage as Dundee's Kameron Kielly was punished for an illegal equipment foul after his stick snapped as he tried to shoot the puck towards goal and he then threw his stick away in frustration but at a dangerous height, earning him a two-minute penalty. The Stars would kill off the penalty but the West Midlands team had created a lot of pressure and LeFebvre had called his timeout just before the Blaze powerplay to try and settle his side down, however in the 33rd minute, Alessio Luciani was left unmarked and he picked his spot past Fiske to restore the Blaze's lead. Although just four minutes later, Dundee would draw level again as Naas skated the length of the ice and saw his effort saved by Robson, but the rebound fell into the path of Harms and he was able to lift the puck into the back of the net from behind the goal line by shooting off the back of the Coventry keeper. The two teams could still not be separated after 40 minutes and in the third period, Kevin Moore's side again scored early to take the lead as Chase Gresock used a Dundee defender to take away the vision of Fiske before scoring into the right side of the Stars goal, inside 44 minutes. Despite two more powerplay chances, the Taysiders continually failed to capitalise on their man advantages but once more, they found an equaliser as Yamamoto batted in the loose rebound from Gravelle's saved attempt in the 50th minute. With only 10 minutes left in regulation, neither side wanted to make a mistake that would cost them the game and a valuable point but in the 53rd minute, Luciani would put the puck on target and although Fiske was able to make the save, he was unable to stop Coventry blueliner, Alexander Kuqali from rushing in to smack home the rebound. Dundee threw everything forward in the final minutes but failed to breakdown the Blaze for a fourth time and the final buzzer confined them to a pointless week.

#### **Sunday 23rd March**

#### Belfast Giants 5 Guildford Flames 2 Elite League

(1-0, 4-2, 0-0) SOG 48-28 PIMs 6-4 Att 6298

A strong opening shift saw Kawaguchi test Jake Kupsky early, with Karl Boudrias and J.J. Piccinich also drawing saves from the Flames netminder, before Tom McCollum was called into action for the first time to deny Josh Waller as he sped down the left wing. Even when the Giants were short-handed - David Goodwin called for hooking - they came closest to breaking the deadlock when Piccinich was first to a clearance but hit the post with his back-handed shot in close. Ethan Strang was the next to come close to opening the scoring when he drew a big pad save from McCollum from the right circle before the Giants got their first powerplay opportunity as Austin Glover sat for cross-checking, and it was on the man advantage they took the lead at 11:38 as Kawaguchi beat Kupsky short-side from the left circle (1-0). The Giants had an immediate chance to grab a second as Daniel Catenacci was called for holding but Kupsky made two big saves to deny Scott Conway from the left circle and then Kawaguchi in close, while the home side had a late chance to add a second as the top line rushed forward only for Conway to be denied from a tight angle by Kupsky. A hot start to the middle frame for Guildford saw them nearly take the lead when Brett Welychka and Daniel Tedesco skated in but overplayed the chance and then McCollum saved from Sam Talbot from the right circle, while Kupsky once again made a superb stop as Elijiah Barriga fed Bobo Carpenter crashing the net at the other end. But Guildford would tie it up at 25:38 through Catenacci, who was able to slap in Tedesco's feed off a Giants turnover (1-1). However the game wouldn't be tied for long as after killing off a boarding penalty on Lake, Cooper was able to restore the Belfast lead at 28:47 as he found the net from a seemingly impossible angle (2-1) before the game turned chaotic. Baum's goal, which saw the defenceman





laser a slapshot from distance into the net at 33:42 (3-1), was followed by Morin sweeping in the rebound off Carpenter's initial effort just 75 seconds later (4-1), only for Tedesco to pull one back for the Flames when his hopeful shot from distance squeezed under the glove of McCollum at 36:25 (4-2). However, the Giants would lead by three at the second intermission as Cooper turned provider for Lake just 20 seconds after conceding, the captain centering the puck to the crease for his centre to tap-in at 36:45 for the fifth (5-2). McCollum survived a scary moment early in the third when he failed to hold a long-range shot and Lewis Hook nearly poked in the rebound as it sat in the crease, only for the netminder to recover just in time, but he was more than alert to deny Jack Jacome as the Guildford winger drove in down the right wing and was unable to stuff the puck in. And that would be enough to do it for the Giants in a final period that flew by, the only action in the closing stages seeing the home side kill another penalty on Lake, this one for interference, as Keefe's men retook top spot in style.

### Manchester Storm 6 Cardiff Devils 0 Elite League

(3-0, 1-0, 2-0, ) SOG 37-37 PIMs 4-4 Att 2106

Retro night at the Shelter saw the Cardiff Devils make the journey up from the Welsh capital. With just five league games remaining for the Storm nothing less than two points was an option as the playoff push continued. Neither netminder was particularly troubled within the first ten minutes as the chances created lacked any real scoring threat. Things quickly changed however with two quick fire goals for the Storm. The first coming from Johnson at the backdoor. And the second from Esteves who skated up the left wing and dispatched a perfectly placed shot that beat Bowns up high at his near post. The home side kept up the offensive pressure in the following minutes and were rewarded with a third when a skilfull passing play, on the powerplay, was tipped in from close range by Critchlow with the assists on the gamesheet going to D'Aoust and Morrow. A healthy three goal lead for the Storm was carried in to the first intermission. Weninger was called in to action early on in the second period making a great pad save to deny a golden chance for the Devils. After withstanding some early pressure from the Devils the Shelter erupted just past the midpoint of the period when the hard-working Zack Milton tapped the puck past Bowns after Griffiths made a handy wrap around pass from behind the visitor's net. A first Elite League goal for the young British forward. The second period concluded with the Storm holding a commanding 4-0 scoreline leaving the Devils with much to think about in the middle interval. Just three minutes in and the Storm extended their advantage even further when Esteves scored his second of the evening tucking away a rebounded shot from Ulett. A goal that was double checked via the video replay which showed the puck did indeed fully cross the Devil's goal line. The visitors did try and up the tempo in response, but struggled to create anything meaningful against an in form Weninger and his defence. D'Aoust all but sealed the win for the Storm with only a minute left in the game when the prolific goal scorer added another to his tally from close range. A huge 6-0 win for the Storm was underlined with an impressive 37 shot shutout for Weninger between the pipes.



	<u>Goalies</u>
30	Cameron Kenny
50	Shane Owen
36	Jānis Voris
	<u>Defencemen</u>
5	Noah Delmas
44	Jonas Emmerdahl
7	Tyler Heidt
9	Brodie Kay
88	Daniel Krenželok
19	Patrick Kyte
3	Olivier LeBlanc 'C'
	<u>Forwards</u>
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
	Paiement
61	James Spence
43	Jordan Stallard
24	Aiden Wilson



Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
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Flyers											
Visitors											

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Visitors								

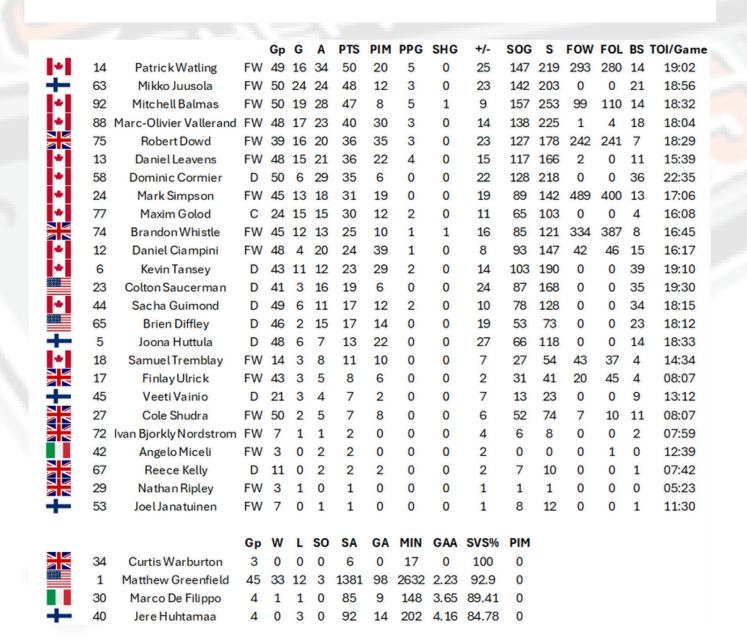
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30	Marco De Filippo							
40	Jere Huhtamaa							
<u>Defencemen</u>								
43	Samuel Cooper							
58	Dominic Comier							
65	Brien Diffley							
44	Sacha Guimond							
5	Joona Huttula							
67	Reece Kelly							
23	Colton Saucerman							
6	Kevin Tansey							
42	Veeti Vaino							
<u>Forwards</u>								
92	Mitchell Balmas							
72	Ivan Bjorkly-Nordstrom							
12	Daniel Ciampini							
75	Robert Dowd							
53	Joel Janatuinen							
63	Mikko Juusola							
13	Daniel Leavens							
29	Nathan Ripley							
27	Cole Shudra							
24	Mark Simpson							
18	Samuel Tremblay							
17	Finlay Ulrick							
88	Marc-Olivier Vallerand							
14	Patrick Watling							
74	Brandon Whistle							

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

#### STEELERS IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...





#### ON THEIR ROSTER

Today's player focus comes from a podcast interview conducted with **Matt Greenfield** in the summer of 2024 and focuses on a number of things in his journey to that point.

## So for those that don't know, originally from Florida? How'd you become a goalie and what attracted you to the position?

So early on growing up in Florida there's not a ton of hockey. My neighbour was from London, Ontario, and he had a kid that was four or five years older than me. So I was like, six or seven and they would always play hockey in the driveway. I always wanted to just hang out with them because, you know, any kid four or five years older than you is the cool kid. I wasn't good enough to play with them but they're always like, Oh you need to go take this baseball mitt and go stand in that. And that's what started it. So then that was kind of the beginning of the end as my parents like to say and I kind of just fell in love with the position right away. I was just always begging my parents to play roller goalie then transition to ice. And around that time, that's when Rob Tallas had just finished his playing career and moved to Florida to start his coaching career. And my mom just signed me up for a lesson with him one day and the rest is kind of history. It's actually a funny story how Rob ended up in Florida. So when he was finished playing, I think he didn't know where he wanted to live. And I think the story goes he blindfolded himself and threw a dart at the map of the US and he said it landed somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. Florida was the closest spot. So him and his wife decided to move down to Florida. It worked out for the best for sure. I mean, I couldn't be more grateful. I was so beyond fortunate to have the relationship I have with him and especially to meet him at such a young age. And at a time in his career, he was kind of in between things and really had the time to work with just private clients.

## Now that you meet Tally you start probably to learn some things that you hadn't learned before. What age are we talking here?

I would say probably when I was 11, if I had to put a year on it. I was always pretty serious. I always kind of wanted to play at the highest level I can since from a young age. Rob was always very much like a believer and it was like you can kind of do whatever you set your mind to. Like you want to play in the NHL, you can play in the NHL. This is what it's going to take. So that was kind of the way our relationship started at a young age. I was like, tell me how hard to jump and I'll jump, tell me what to do and I'll do it. So it was a real good relationship and the way it formed it was very natural in that way.

## Where is your game now, how would you describe it and how it's evolved over time? I'm guessing with a lot of influence from Tally?

It's definitely transformed. I think the biggest thing with Tally, and most guys that will work with him I would imagine would attest to this, is he's so good mentally and it's the habits and the way you think and the way you approach the game is so drilled in from him. And that's kind of I think the foundation of my game and everything else kind of stems out from that. As far as how I play now I like to have a foundation and then kind of freelance from that. So I got a kind of a foundation of I want to be big, I want to be set. I want to have my hands in proper spots. And then I want to just trust my instincts and trust my athleticism and my reflexes and kind of try to paint but paint with thinner lines, if that makes sense.

It does make sense. When you talk about, the mental aspect can you give us an example? Whether it's situational or just a mindset you have going into every game are there any takeaways that you could share that another young kid will be like, that would really help me? I think it's just a quiet confidence. It's knowing that you've put in the work and you're prepared. And if you work as hard as you can you know you're prepared. You'll be able to go and have success. And it's about knowing that whatever you're feeling there's a very high probability, almost a hundred percent certainty, that the guy 200 feet away is feeling the same thing. And that everyone's kind of not in it together but everyone's feeling the same stuff, feeling similar stuff. And you know, just finding that

confidence, that inner belief, and that it's really a choice. I wasn't a very confident kid growing up and I think that's something that Tally really instilled in me and the way he made us work. I just remember all of the runs. We had a pool that was like a mile and a half away from the rink in the gym and we always had to run to the pool and run back. He would always be in his car yelling at us but at the end of the day it was all competition based and everything was kind of high pace competing. So yeah, just having that confidence that whatever it is you'll get through it and you know, you're going to be okay. Like there was one day I was struggling with my stick saves. I was in the OHL and I couldn't get the puck on my stick and get the puck in the match. He had an OHL shooter taking slapshots at me and he was so frustrated with me. He grabbed my stick, he was in a track suit, went down into his butterfly and he had this OHL shooter taking slapshots at him and he was getting a stick on him. He's like, execute, just do it, stop thinking and just do it. And then I got it and then sure enough everyone I hit just went right into the match. So there's just something about that aura and that inner belief that just being around him so much, it just starts to rub off.

I'm guessing there's not a lot of teams looking for goalies in Parkland, Florida. How did opportunities present themselves?

Yeah, I mean, for sure I was a really fortunate. So I'm trying to remember the full connection here, but again, I owe so much to Tally, so much of this comes from him. So obviously we were working together for years. He obviously thought I was a good goalie and he keeps in touch with the coach of the Panthers at the time, Pete DeBoer. Pete DeBoer has two kids and the coach of Pete DeBoer's kids were also the coach of my team at U16. I was playing double A hockey at the time and Pete DeBoer just left Kitchener, I believe. So Rob told Pete who told my coach who then had a scout from Kitchener come and watch us in the national tournament. I had a good national tournament, good enough that they liked me and they ended up taking a chance on me in the 12th round. And that's how I kind of got into the pool or the stream or however you want to call it. And then from there it kind of was more performance based. But that's kind of how I got the explosion, how I got seen.



So two years in Kitchener and then you go to Tri-City for a year in the USHL. And then the West Colona Warriors of the BCHL for a year. So that journey, that bouncing around a little bit at that point from the OHL to USHL to BCHL, just walk me through your progression?

So like I said, I wasn't a confident kid and I really struggled with that in the OHL. I didn't handle it very well. I didn't play very well. So my 20 year old year they were kind of like you can come and maybe back up. But at the time we had just signed an 18 year old kid that was on an NHL deal and I was like, well I got to play. So I ended up leaving there. Fortunately, Phil McColt took a chance on me in the USHL. So I went down there to try out for the team, made the team, played well. That was where I first started to kind of find my confidence. I was kind of the older guy. It was a whole new chance for me to write a new slate. A lot of times, especially growing up and in the OHL, everyone was kind of telling me how to play. They would tell me we think you should do this, we think you should do that and then when I kind of pretty much got released from there I said, you know what, if I'm going to go down I'm going to go down doing it how I want to do it. And so that's kind of where I started to kind of play the game that I wanted to play. And with having success with that, then my confidence started to grow a little bit. And so I went down to the USHL, started off real well and played okay. Then I met Jake Kielly when he was in the Canucks system. So Jake was my goalie partner and that was kind of his coming out party. He was unbelievable for that team, like unbelievable. So Bill calls me into the office one day, he's like, listen, I can't have a 20 year old taking up our all-star spot that's not really playing. So he trades me to the BCHL in West Kelowna which at the time I didn't know it was a thing. But then it happened so I was like, oh I guess this is a thing. So I reported to West Kelowna and it was just an unbelievable group of guys there. Fortunately, I got traded to a team that I think were in third place at the time and then we just went on an unbelievable run, won a National Championship and then I ended up committing to school out of that.



What was your experience like at University in Calgary, both from a development side, but you're also there to go to school as well, student athlete life?

It was awesome. I think it was really eye opening. I was very sheltered in the hockey world before that. Going to university, it's kind of like, oh whoa, like there's a whole other world out there that there's lots of real cool opportunities and neat things to do and you meet cool people. The level of hockey was something I was pretty blown away by. There's everyone there, I think I went through a whole team and we had one guy that didn't play in the CHL. It's an unbelievable level of hockey. Everyone's just bigger, stronger, faster. It comes with its own challenges though. Cause you've got some guys that are on their way up and some guys that are on their way down and it's the end. So you end up getting a real interesting kind of mix of guys. But as far as the talents and when puck drops on Friday night it's fast, it's competitive, it's tough. I think a lot of guys think they're going to come from the CHL and dominate and more times than not that's not how it goes.

#### Stockton Heat you were there with Dustin Wolf, walk us through sort of getting there?

So I remember it was training camp and as a guy on a two-way contract in an organisation that had like seven or eight goalies signed I was like, I got to make an impression here. Then Thomas Speer he comes along and he's trying to teach me the Panda technique on like day three of camp. I'm like, yeah, that sounds great, I'm not going to do that because I don't want to get scored on because I tried something new. But like I said, he's my coach. I'm like you know what let me try this thing and I went down and I just butterflied and pucks just kept hitting me. I'm like, oh my goodness, maybe this guy's onto something, maybe he knows what he's doing. He's worked with Wolfie and that turned out pretty good so I was like maybe I should listen to him. Then I went down and I just started to do it and I was like, this is unbelievable. I think just being open-minded and just being like I'm not going to through the motions and be like, oh yeah, not for me but committing to it and trying it to learn it. Cause like I said, he's the coach, he knows best. And I did it, learned it and now I probably overuse it. I use it so much. I love it.

#### And what situations do you like it specifically for?

I like it specifically when if it's a good shooter on the other team and he has speed and time and there's no other thoughts. Guys coming off the rush, especially if he's on a strong side I know that, okay I could just hold my posts here drop down and be big and he's got nothing. And then it just takes away threat. It calms me down especially in those moments in games where you're like, okay, I can't give one up here. Like it's the start of a period, start of a game, end of a game, like those big moments where it's not like I'm taking a risk. I'm going to just go down and be big, take this away. If he wraps and throws out to someone else I'll live to fight another day but I think it's specifically moments where you got guys kind of on an island, guys by themselves or guys with speed when you have defensive support.

You had success at the University of Calgary, but you're in the Calgary organisation with Kansas city. You didn't get a chance to play with Stockton, but you were up with them. Were you still aiming for a pro career to that opportunity?

So it's actually a funny story. When I was in school I probably tried to leave every single year I was there. I was like, I'm going to play it for a year and then I'm going to go try to prove myself as a pro. Then after my fourth year at school I didn't have a good year. And for those that don't know, you get five years of eligibility in USports. I had another year left and I was like, okay, let me just come back from my last year and then I'm going to go. Then what ended up happening was COVID. So the Flames are getting ready for a late season start, I think at the time it was Markstrom and Rittich who were both still home in Europe. So the Flames needed to practice and so they pulled me out onto the ice with them. I went and skated with them and did that after the bubble before the late start in the season. So I practiced with them and I was fortunate enough to turn a couple of heads and they're like, yeah, let's just get you down on the coast and see what happens. Unfortunately, Andrew Shortridge got hurt and that opportunity presented itself where Kansas City needed a guy on the coast for that time. I mean, obviously it was super bad luck for Shorty but that job opened up and I was able to go down there and that was kind of the beginning of my chance.



### East coast can be a little scrambly. Was that a big adjustment?

Scrambling is the wrong word because that has a negative connotation. A lot of young players and it can be a game of mistakes. As a goalie it's hard to make clean reads because things tend not to go as planned as often. I actually found the adjustment a little easier. One of the things that they were big on in Canada West for university was puck possession and I remember playing against the University of Alberta and they'd have some nights they'd have 18 shots and five goals and you're like, I actually played good but all 18 are just great. Then you get down to the coast and it looks more scrambly, guys have the puck on their stick and they want it at the net. So having that kind of steady action I was like this is fun. At least my mindset was this is more suited to the way I play. Like I'll feel on the park. We weren't very good in Kansas city but I kind of relished in the fact that if we lost it was kind of on me.

## So it was opportunity to get lots of shots and try to steal a couple of games. Do you have to have that mindset? Is that part of being a goalie? Can you survive as a goalie?

You don't want to be the guy that the game can turn on. I think it's just kind of something that comes with the territory, right? Like a lot of times you hear basketball players talk about wanting to take the last shot or not wanting to take the last shot and in basketball you can pass and you know you could just fit into the shadows. There's no doing that in overtime or with a minute left as a goalie, you're front and center with a lot of times at that moment. If you win you're going to be in the paper celebrating. If you lose you're going to be with your head down and the puck in the net on the front page the next day.

### Tell us about the pro skates in Florida?

I was very fortunate because growing up in Florida, there's some openings for goalies because you got Luongo down there for a billion years and he's not going to that. He does his drills with Tally takes a couple of warm down drills and gets off. Then you got Craig Anderson down there and he'll also come out towards the end of the summer but that's about it. So there was kind of not many options. I got thrust into it at a young age, probably like 18, 19. I would say, okay, and it's like a freaking all-star game out there, man. I remember the one day and somebody's like, Ovechkin's out there. And I was like, good one. And then we get on the ice or we go out and we would always try to be early and it's just Ovechkin sitting by himself on the bench, dead serious, ready to go like 10 minutes before the game and I'm like, oh my goodness. I always treated those like they were game sevens for me. I always treated those as like, hey this is my opportunity, you never know who's watching you right now. I'm giving everything I got, follow every rebound, don't take a shot off. I don't care if it's Ovie, he's not scoring and that's something that also bred confidence. I found my confidence later. That was a big factor in it.

## **LEAGUE STATS**

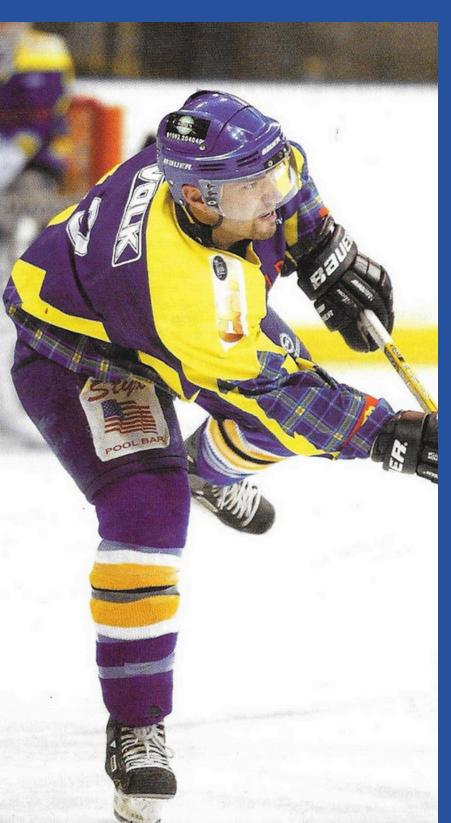
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Total Games Played	64	63	61	62	61	62	60	60	63	62
Challenge Cup Games	15	13	10	12	12	13	10	10	13	12
League Games	49	50	51	50	49	49	50	50	50	50
	8-1	6-0	9-2	7-0	4-1	9-4	7-1	6-0	9-2	9-0
Biggest Win	v Flyers	v Storm Flyers	v Flyers	v Flyers	v Stars	v Flyers	v Flyers	v Devils	v Blaze	v Flames
	1-5	0-6	2-9	4-10	0-8	2-10	0-9	0-6	2-5	0-6
Biggest Loss	v Panthers	v Giants	, , , , , ,	v Steelers	v Steelers	v Steelers	v Steelers	v Devils	v Stars	v Blaze
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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	1 Loss	2 Wins	1 Loss	9 Losses	2 Losses	1 Loss	1 Win	4 Wins	5 Wins
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	10	4	2	1	0	2	3	1	7	4
Shut Out Against	1	4	4	4	8	3	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	13	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
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	191	191	173	159	111	164	164	161	183	192
Powerplay	45	40	50	34	29	31	36	41	36	37
Even Strength	140	149	117	122	80	124	124	114	143	151
Shorthanded	6	2	6	3	2	9	4	6	4	4
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	44	22	26	27	17	23	23	22	23	44
Powerplay	4	2	4	7	5	5	8	5	2	6
Even Strength	40	19	20	20	12	16	14	16	21	38
Shorthanded	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	122	156	162	194	276	177	163	189	119	142
Penalty Kill	32	33	42	27	50	49	39	47	25	30
Even Strength	87	120	115	159	219	125	120	135	88	111
Shorthanded	3	3	5	8	7	3	4	7	6	1
Total Goals Conceded										
scored to Defencemen	18	21	29	35	46	24	28	32	18	19
Penalty Kill	6	3	6	3	7	3	6	4	6	3
Even Strength Shorthanded	12 0	18 0	22	32 0	37 2	19 2	22 0	28 0	11	15 1
Goals Scored Period 1	75	59	51	62	37	61	52	60	75	70
Goals Scored Period 1	77	76	67	55	44	66	65	61	59	75
Goals Scored Period 2	80	75	75	64	47	68	69	57	70	92
Goals Scored OT/SO	6	3	8	5	2	6	3	5	6	5
TOTAL Goals Scored	238	213	201	186	130	201	189	183	210	242
Goals Scored Per Game	3.72	3.38	3.30	3.00	2.13	3.24	3.15	3.05	3.33	3.90
Goals Conceded Period 1	45	52	67	79	107	46	60	68	27	52
Goals Conceded Period 2	38	54	57	72	106	66	65	84	54	58
Goals Conceded Period 3	53	67	64	76	108	89	65	71	55	48
Goals Conceded OT/SO	7	3	6	5	3	4	8	3	5	5
TOTAL Goals Conceded	143	176	194	232	324	205	198	226	141	163
Goals Against Per Game	2.23	2.79	3.18	3.74	5.31	3.31	3.30	3.77	2.24	2.63
Shots For P1	902	760	663	684	572	749	637	656	674	711
Shots For P2	845	787	666	657	553	766	656	643	591	776
Shots For P3	838	702	666	674	497	679	586	665	617	738
Shots For OT	24	10	33	18	10	14	39	17	22	18
TOTAL Shots For	2609	2259	2028	2033	1632	2208	1918	1981	1904	2243
Shots for Per Game	40.77	35.86	33.25	32.79	26.75	35.61	31.97	33.02	30.22	36.18
Shots Against P1	519	660	732	761	905	647	699	728	624	706
Shots Against P2	518	655	706	757	915	668	728	743	710	701
Shots Against P3	612	625	699	721	834	631	673	635	693	564
Shots Against OT	25	16	28	27	15	23	17	16	19	25
TOTAL Shots Against	1674	1956	2165	2266	7669	1960	7117	7177	2046	
TOTAL Shots Against Shots Against Per Game	1674 26.16	1956 31.05	2165 35.49	2266 36.55	2669 43.75	1969 31.76	2117 35.28	2122 35.37	2046 32.48	1996 32.19



### TWO NUMBER NINES: CHAUMONT AND VOLK

Two players who wore the number nine jersey for at least a part of their Flyers career were defenceman Dreu Volk and right winger Bobby Chaumont. Dreu Volk played most of the 2004/05 season and Bobby Chaumont played in Flyers' Elite League seasons 2012/13-2014/15.



Dreu Volk from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan played his junior career in the WHL, firstly for Swift Current Broncos then for Moose Jaw Warriors. He then spent four seasons at University of Saskatchewan and arrived in Kirkcaldy at the start of 2004/05 as a replacement for fellow Canuck Ian Fletcher, who had undergone knee surgery following the 2003/04 season.

Dreu's arrival in Fife was delayed as a result of the late granting of his work permit and he made his Flyers' debut on 11/09/04 in a home Winter Cup tie against Edinburgh Capitals, which the visitors won 4-3 after overtime. He played that night despite having arrived in town less than 24 hours before facing Capitals.

He scored his first Flyers' goal on a powerplay two weeks later in a 7-4 BNL victory over Dundee Stars. The FFP reporter described his effort as "goal of the night" and this "blistering slapshot" sealed a fine win against one of Flyers' local rivals. Volk's career as a Flyer came to an end in the middle period of the Winter Cup semifinal against Newcastle Vipers at Metro Radio Arena on 19/01/05, when he dislocated his shoulder in a 4-3 overtime win, which levelled the tie, but Vipers advanced to the final on penalties. By this time though, Dreu had been taken to hospital for treatment.

His last Flyers goal was in a Winter Cup tie away to Hull Stingrays on 19/12/04. Dreu Volk was a steady defenceman, whose priority was in a defensive role and played over 40 times for Flyers in the last BNL season. Unfortunately his pro career was ended by the serious injury sustained while wearing Flyers' number 9 jersey.

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The second No.9 was a fan favourite from the Elite era, Bobby Chaumont, a native of Sudbury, Ontario, where he played his junior years for the Sudbury Wolves of the OHL. After a year at Dalhousie University, he turned pro, playing in the Central Hockey League, the ECHL and in Norway, prior to signing for Braehead Clan in 10/11. He scored around a point a game with Clan, then returned to USA and signed for Fort Wayne Komets of the CHL.

In 12/13, Bobby re-signed for Clan, but early in the season, he made the move east and joined a Flyers organisation desperate to improve on their disappointing first Elite League season. He made his Flyers' debut in a fine 4-1 win against Edinburgh Capitals on 17/11/12 and opened his Flyers' scoring account with a third period goal.

In his first season, Bobby scored consistently from his first game onwards in a decent side that finished seventh in the table, a vast improvement on the previous season. Flyers then lost 4-5 on aggregate to Nottingham Panthers in the play-off quarter final. His second season ended with Flyers finishing seventh again, but on this occasion went one better by qualifying for the play-off finals weekend at Nottingham. Chaumont contributed 2+1 in the first leg semi-final tie against Dundee Stars and recorded an assist in the second leg. Flyers lost the semi-final 0-1 in a pulsating match against Belfast and Bobby's output over the season was about a point a game once more.

Booby's third season as a Flyer resulted in Flyers finishing eighth, one place lower in the league standings than the previous two campaigns, but his point production was as steady as ever, still averaging over a point a game, as did Ned Lukacevic, Matt Reber and Jordan Fulton, but the good seasons had by these three players, Kevin Regan and Bobby didn't result in any silverware.

In the play-off quarter final Flyers were paired with league champions Sheffield Steelers, who had finished 27 points ahead of Flyers in the final table. Flyers ran the champs close though, losing 2-3 at home and drawing 3-3 at Sheffield to go out, 4-5 on aggregate, despite a fighting, second leg comeback. The second leg game on 29/03/15 was Chaumont's last as a Flyer, his last goals coming in a two goal effort during an 8-4 win at Dundee on 15/03/15.

In 2015/16, he headed north and one more time had a point a game season, this time with Dundee Stars, then had spells in Netherlands, Fayetteville in the SPHL and finished his career in the third tier of German hockey. Bobby Chaumont was a fine finisher, who always seemed to be in the right spot for a shot on goal and is currently Flyers' second top Elite era scorer with 81 goals. It was a pity when he left Flyers, if only because we wouldn't hear his goal song, T.Rex's "I Love to Boogie"

as the fans sang along.







We complete our look at the game scenarios and the outcomes arrived at by the officials and also introduce the firsts set of infographics that help support the rules and definition of some of the dimensions within the game.

TABLE 17 · RULE 84 OVERTIME

Penalties in effect prior to the Start of Overtime - Where overtime is played three against three.

EXAMPLES	TIME IN 3rd PERIOD	TEAM A	ТЕАМ В	REMARKS
1	19:30	A 5 - 2	B 17- 2	The penalties do not go on the clock.
2	19:10 19:50	A 5 - 2 A 7 - 2	B 17- 2	The Teams would begin the Overtime period playing 4 on 3. The penalties for A5 and B17 do not go on the clock.
3	19:10 19:25 19:40	A 5 - 2 A 7 - 2	B 17 - 2	Overtime will begin with the Player strength of three (3) Skaters for Team A and four (4) Skaters for Team B. Through the normal expiration of penalty times, the penalized Players will return to the ice. With continuous play, the potential of reaching an on-ice strength of five (5) on five (5) is a possibility. However, the on-ice strength would be adjusted accordingly at the next stoppage of play.
4	19:10 19:30 19:40	A 5 - 2 A 7 - 2	B 17- 2 B 36 - 2	Overtime will begin with the Player strength of three (3) on three (3). Penalties to A5 and B17 do not go on the clock.  As the penalties to A7 and B36 expire, the on-ice strength could get to four (4) on four (4). At the next stoppage, the strength would be adjusted to three (3) on three (3).





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Penalties in effect prior to the Start of Overtime - Where overtime is played three against three.

EXAMPLES	TIME IN 3RD PERIOD	TEAM A	ТЕАМ В	REMARKS
5	19:10 19:20 19:30	A 5 - 2 A 7 - 2	B 17 - 2	Overtime on-ice strength will begin at three (3) on three (3). Through the normal expiration of penalty times, the penalized Players will return to the ice. With continuous play, the potential of reaching an on-ice strength of five (5) on five (5) is a possibility. However, the on-ice strength would be adjusted accordingly at the next stoppage of play to either four (4) on three (3) or three (3) on three (3), as the situation dictates at that particular stoppage of play.

#### TABLE 18 · RULE 84 OVERTIME

Penalties assessed in Overtime

EXAMPLES	TIME IN Overtime	TEAM A	TEAM B	ON-ICE STRENGTH
1	00:30	A 23 - 2		Team A – 3 Skaters Team B – 4 Skaters
	01:00		B 17 - 2	Team A – 3 Skaters Team B – 3 Skaters
	01:30	A 7 - 2		Team A - 3 Skaters Team B - 4 Skaters

Once Team A has received their second Minor Penalty, each Team must add one Player to their on-ice strength. Should the penalty to A23 expire bringing the on-ice strength back to four (4) on four (4) and there is a subsequent stoppage of play, the on-ice strength must be adjusted down to three (3) on three (3) at this point.

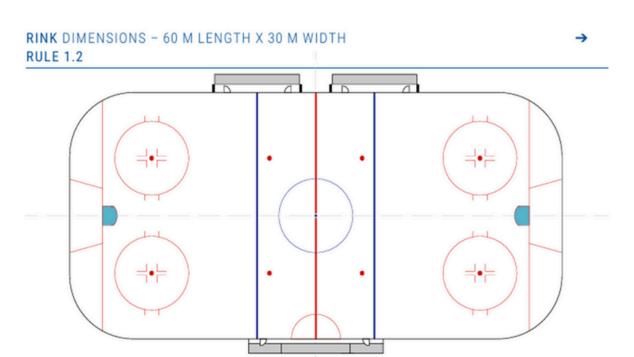
However, if there is a stoppage of play once the penalty to B17 has expired (and before A7's expires), the on-ice strength would be adjusted to four (4) on three (3).

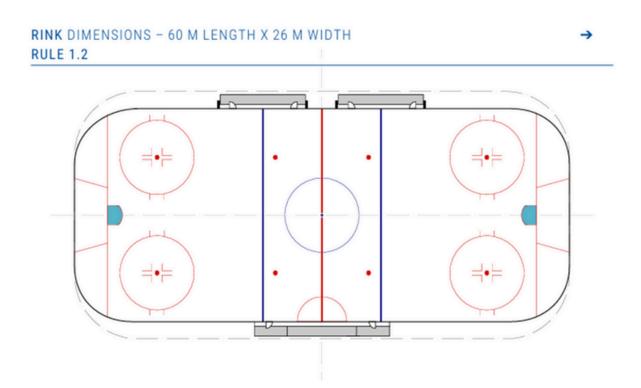
If there is no stoppage in play until both Teams have returned to five Skaters each, at the next stoppage of play the on-ice strength would be adjusted back down to three (3) on three (3).





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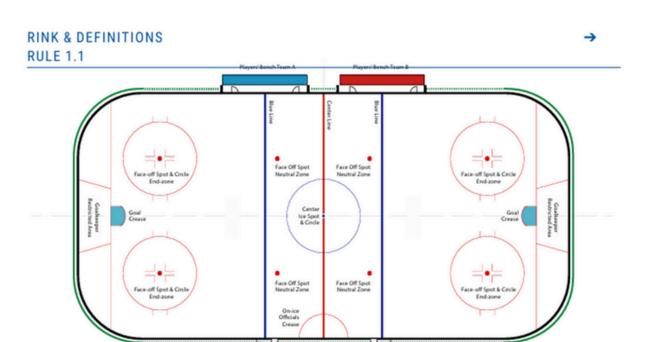






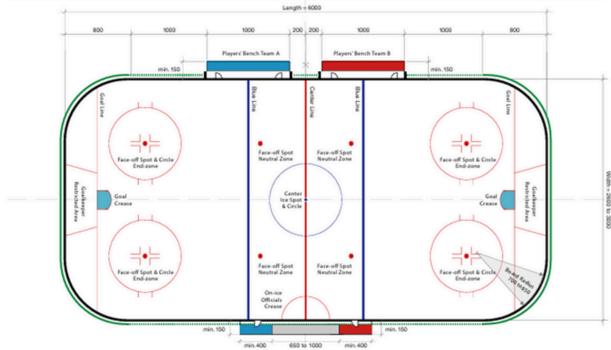


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### RINK DIMENSIONS → RULE 1.2, 1.3, 3.0



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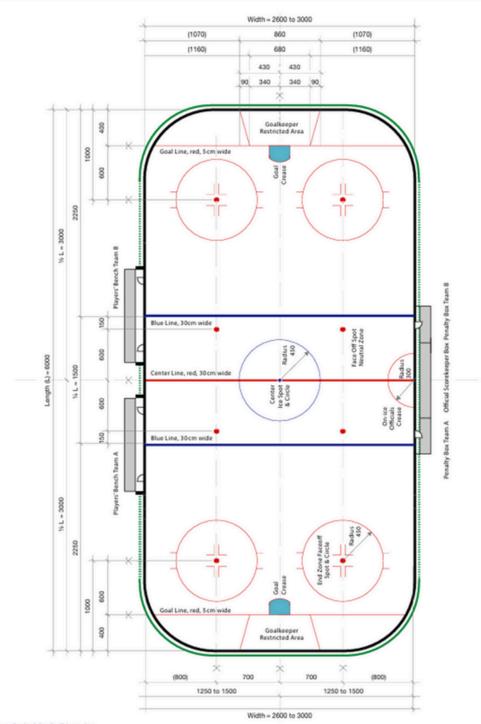




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**RINK LINES** 

→ RULE 1.5, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9



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## HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

### **Darrian Wilson**

Hard to believe that this is the penultimate weekend of what has been a challenging season for Flyers, fans, players and owners. It is with mixed emotions we reach this point and the warm cosy feeling that Flyers had Flames and Blaze in their sights was sadly not to be as both ended up too hot to handle.

In what will be a tough week, Flyers will have travelled to Belfast on Wednesday, travelled to Belfast on Saturday before playing host to Sheffield Steelers on Sunday. If there is a hockey god then I hope Flyers win all three of those games, giving Panthers a great opportunity so set up a barnstorming final weekend.

Despite being thrashed last weekend with insult added to injury, Glasgow Clan clinched their play-off spot with Dundee and Manchester duking it out for eighth spot and the final place in the first round of the play-offs.

With mention of our Scottish cousins there is of course an uneasiness with the prospect of revenue streams being chopped somewhat should Flyers take a sabbatical or withdraw from the Elite League under new ownership. For Glasgow and Dundee it would be a big hole in income each year, for Flyers, likewise. If NIHL ends up being Flyers' new home, as it stands at the moment, there would be no real local derby matches. Yes, there is Solway, however it is a longer trek for a Scottish Derby but also not an unknown trek. I spent a few weekend B&B'ing down there for many a Scottish Cup finals weekend.

In the same vein, don't let anyone tell you that five import NIHL isn't a viable product, when Edinburgh Capitals can draw 1900 people to an SNL game then surely there is no argument that watching what should be a higher end product will be attractive to many. If the price is right then people will come on down! It is wholly understandable that so many fans have a desire to see our team in the self-titled top flight league in the UK but if it happens, there is life after Elite League, and it looks a lot more sustainable. Arguably, Flyers moving league could cause interest amongst others and perhaps the Elite League needs to have a look at itself and the direction it is taking before other teams take note. I have to say though that the prospect of Flyers ending up as a feeder team gives me mixed emotions.

It would allow progress for many of the local lads and yet continue to deny us of the final fruits of that labour. In essence, it would be hard to see Flyers become a wee team again even though you could see the benefit. After all, you are allowed to have both feelings.

This weekend we honour Steven King and retire his #12. Those of us who watched Kingy play know just why it is fitting to honour a player who had a full and illustrious career with Flyers, breaking into the team as a youngster and playing alongside the cream of imports.

To honour Kingy his number will be hoisted to the tinfoil using one of the tartan jerseys from back in the day. I looked at the photo Flyers put out and recognised that I might have one of those, game worn, from back in the day and set about ferreting it out. I found however, that I was wrong, I actually have two, one of which is Kingy's game worn and signed top from that season. Being that the dark colours were the away colours back then it was much easier to sponsor an away jersey than the home one, so lady luck smiled on me back then and only now does that good fortune come to light.

It is things of that nature that has you feeling like part of the fabric of the history of the club.

As we prepare to head off into the sunshine I have at least got something to look forward to for the first couple of months with a challenging training regime ahead of me as I try to move from fat to fit. Reason being there are two charity walks I am taking part in, the first, in May, is 13 miles of the Big Hike for Cancer Research UK, the second, in June, is the Cateran Yomp, all 54 miles in 24 hours in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

That all takes commitment, despite the challenges and maybe the odds being stacked against success. One thing I have learned from this team is that commitment. I'll try and get a photo of a Flyers top on tour around the courses to tip a hat in the direction of those who have committed to the cause since the wheels came off, if nothing else, they can hold their heads up high as true honourable characters.

There's some business to finish so enjoy the hockey and let's get behind the lads, Come On Ye Flyers.

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## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Fife Flyers are poised to become the first team to qualify for the 1985 Heineken British Ice Hockey Championship Finals. With maximum points from their opening two fixtures against Ayr Bruins, Ron Plumb's men need just one point to make certain of a trip to Wembley on May 4 and 5. And with two games coming up against the weakest side in the group, Cleveland Bombers, it seems a foregone conclusion that Flyers will complete the play-offs as section winners. It is just possible that all three teams could finish on four points if Cleveland were to defeat Flyers twice and Ayr took full points from the English side. That would leave the British Ice Hockey Association with something of a headache — but the possibility is so remote that Flyers' fans can look forward to a weekend at Wembley next month. Flyers should rubber stamp their appearance in the finals when they travel to meet Cleveland tomorrow. With four league wins over the English side already under their belt, the Kirkcaldy team will be expected to qualify in style. Flyers will travel south with a full squad, with the exception of defenceman Dougie Latto who is undergoing hospital tests for a stomach complaint. Cleveland who visit Ayr on Sunday — will play their return match against Flyers in Kirkcaldy on Sunday, April 28. Good news for Fife fans is that centre Jimmy Pennycook will be available for all Flyers' remaining matches this season — including Wembley. Flyers can expect massive backing in London, with seven buses already booked for supporters. Any fans wishing to travel by bus should submit their names to Kirkcaldy Ice Rink by Sunday. Meanwhile, Flyers have arranged an attractive challenge match in Kirkcaldy on Sunday when Dundee Rockets are the visitors. Rockets will ice five Canadians, with two imports of recent seasons, Al Le Blanc and Mike Walker, lining up alongside their current trio. Le Blanc and Walker are in Scotland to take part in Roy Halpin's Testimonial, and both finished second top scorer to Halpin during their years with Dundee. With this season's top marksman, Dave Stoyanovich, on the opposing side, an interesting match is in prospect.

#### 20/04/1985 Cleveland Bombers v Fife Flyers Premier League Play Off

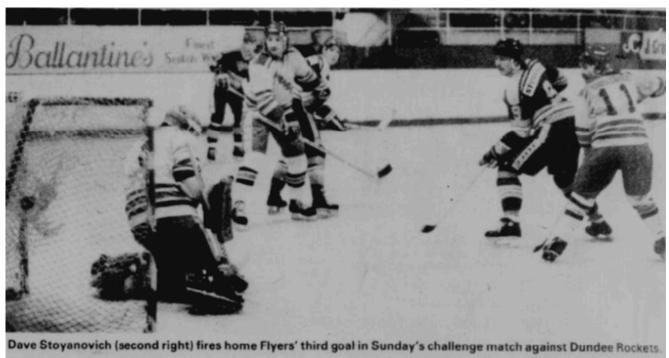
Fife Flyers confirmed their place in the championship finals at Wembley when they recovered from a slow start to end the hopes of a gallant Cleveland outfit on Saturday. Bombers skated to a 3-0 lead after 13 minutes with goals by Smith (2) and McDonough, while teenage netminder Young coped well with everything Flyers could throw at him. However, the Kirkcaldy side got back into the match when a Jimmy Pennycook effort was deflected into the net. This proved to be the boost the sluggish visitors needed, and they showed greater determination in the second period, drawing level within four minutes of the restart with goals by Danny Brown and Dave Stoyanovich. Flyers went ahead for the first time at the halfway mark with a vicious slapshot by Stoyanovich, and the big Canadian completed a fine hat-trick with a power play goal five minutes later. Cleveland kept their hopes alive with a power play goal by McDonough in the final minute of the period to reduce the deficit to one. However, any chance the English side had of registering their first victory over Flyers in five starts this season ended as Ron Plumb's men struck with three goals in the space of two minutes. Stoyanovich brought his tally to five with two goals assisted by Brown, and Brown himself scored Flyers' ninth with a back hand into the bottom corner. Flyers capped an excellent third period performance in which they out-shot Bombers 22-5 when Andy Linton scored with an angled shot from the right wing.

### 21/04/1985 Fife Flyers v Dundee Rockets Challenge

After a poor first period, Fife Flyers bounced back to score a convincing victory over Dundee Rockets in Sunday's challenge match at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink. Overall it was disappointing match with Rockets not icing their promised five Canadians. Colin Wilson of Glasgow Dynamos guested for the Dundee side, and grabbed a first period hat-trick as. Rockets raced to a 4-1 lead. Wilson opened the scoring after only 90 seconds, and although Andy Linton equalised in the ninth minute, ex-Flyer Rab Petrie restored Dundee's lead, before Wilson added two further goals. Flyers were a different side in the second period, hammering home six goals without reply. Dave Stoyanovich netted just one minute after the restart, and two power play goals by the same player and Danny Brown within the space of 40 seconds brought the scores level. Ron Plumb's men then raced into a 7-4 lead before the buzzer with Stoyanovich (2) and Brown on target. The final period was equally one-sided as Flyers continued to dominate. Gordon Goodsir scored a fine goal and Stuart Drummond also got his name on the scoresheet with a close range effort. Although Roch Bois pulled one back for Rockets, Flyers emphasised their superiority with three goals in the last six minutes through Danny Brown, Chic Cottrell and Brian Peat.



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85



Fife Flyers should complete the only unbeaten home record in British ice hockey when they meet Cleveland Bombers in their final play-off match at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Sunday night. The match presents Flyers' fans with their last opportunity to see their side in action before they bid to lift the Heineken Championship at Wembley next weekend. Ron Plumb's men are already assured of finishing top of Section B, but are anxious to defeat Cleveland and maintain their 100 per cent record. "We want to keep the momentum going and give ourselves a good foundation for Wembley," explained player-coach Ron Plumb yesterday. Dave Stoyanovich with 15 play-off points already to his credit, requires just 10 more to reach 200 league points for the season. The doors open at 6 pm on Sunday, and the players will be available for a short time to chat with the fans and have their photographs taken. All fans attending the match will also have the chance to vote for their player of the year, the result to be announced on May 10. Wednesday's challenge match between Flyers and Murrayfield was cancelled when the Edinburgh side pulled out. Meanwhile, negotiations are currently being held with a view to re-signing the Canadian trio of Plumb, Stoyanovich and Brown for next season.

#### 28/04/1985 Fife Flyers v Cleveland Bombers Premier League Play Off

Fife Flyers rounded off the ice hockey season at Kirkcaldy with an emphatic play-off victory over Cleveland Bombers on Sunday night to retain their unbeaten home record for the season. It was an impressive all-round display by Ron Plumb's side who look as if they have timed their Wembley preparations to perfection. The pattern for Sunday's match was set as early as the second minute when Jimmy Pennycook opened the scoring for Flyers. Three minutes later, Danny Brown added a second goal, and although Earle pulled one back soon after, Flyers sealed a competent first period display with & power play goal by Brown three minutes from the buzzer. Brown completed a richly deserved hat-trick 90 seconds after the restart, but Bombers reduced the deficit within three minutes when Earle was again on the spot to net. The teams then exchanged power play goals, with Neil Abel scoring for the home side, and McDonagh replying far Cleveland. Another power play goal by Chic Cottrell five minutes from the buzzer extended Flyers' lead to 6-3, before the league's leading scorer, Dave Stoyanovich, eventually got into the act with a goal three minutes later. Flyers emphasised their superiority with three goals in the first six minutes of the final period. Neil Abel set the ball rolling with a fine solo effort with Brown and Pennycook adding two more. Although Flyers ran into penalty trouble, this did nothing to slow down their scoring rate. The Kirkcaldy side hit an astonishing three consecutive shorthanded goals, two by Stoyanovich and the other by Pennycook, completing hat-tricks for both. As the game entered its final five minutes, Cleveland snatched two quick goals through Land and McDonagh. However, Flyers went out in & blaze of glory, with, appropriately enough, further goals from Stoyanovich and Brown, both assisted by Ron Plumb.

## 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.

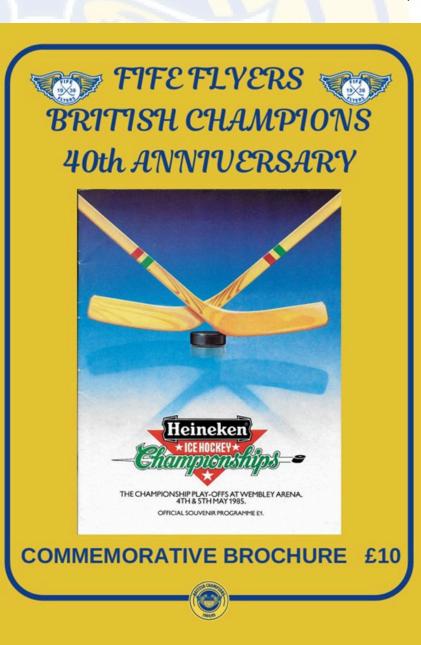
There will also be a **souvenir brochure** available to buy at £10 which tells the story of the team's incredible triumph at Wembley Arena and the season that led to that never to be forgotten weekend. It is being put together by members of the organising committee and will be published and available 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**, 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

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



The club's junior teams were in action over the weekend and acquitted themselves extremely well.

**Fife Phantoms** were the first to hit the ice with a challenge game against Scotland U13 on Saturday. Ryan Venters (3) topped the scoring in a 5-4 victory.

**Fife Falcons** continued their quest to win the U19 league the following morning with an emphatic 13-1 victory at Murrayfield.

Jack McGowan led the scoring with a hat-trick. Six other players were also on target, including Cal McLaren. He also picked up the MVP award.

**Fife Redwings** battled hard on their visit to Dundee Stars U12 team but were on the wrong end of the scoreline.

Netminder Rory Morris was immense in goal and deservedly bagged the MVP prize.

The **Phantoms** had better luck against the Stars' U14 side, battling back from a two-goal deficit to secure a 7-4 victory. Netminder Jenson Reid as the MVP.

All three lines contributed in a hard-fought game, while several of the club's U12 squad gained valuable game time in an older age group.

**Fife Flames** remain on course to record a perfect season in the U16 league after claiming a 7-3 victory over the Stars. Lewis Blyth netted a hat-trick to secure the MVP award.

Their job was made more difficult as several key players were with Kirkcaldy Kestrels, but they ran out convincing winners.

The **Kestrels** kicked off their Scottish National League play-off campaign with a road trip to Edinburgh Capitals on Saturday.

The two sides had split their previous six league and cup meetings this season, but the Capitals ran out 5-0 winners on this occasion.

The Kestrels were eager to bounce back at home to North Ayrshire Wild the following evening and got the job done in style.

Andy Finlay, Caiden Forbes, Allan Anderson, Jamie Wilson and Josh Saunders were on target in a 5-2 victory. The reverse fixtures are scheduled to be played in April. The top two teams in the group progress to the Final Four Weekend at Dundee Ice Arena.



# TABLES & FIXTURES SEASON 2024/25

### **ELITE LEAGUE**

	GΡ	PTS	W	otw	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GΑ	PTS %	
x - Belfast Giants	49	72	29	4	10	6	182	118	0.73	
x - Sheffield Steelers	50	71	31	3	13	3	198	126	0.71	
x - Nottingham Panthers	50	70	29	4	13	4	172	108	0.7	
x - Cardiff Devils	50	62	27	3	18	2	166	136	0.62	
x - Coventry Blaze	51	58	21	6	20	4	171	159	0.57	
x - Guildford Flames	50	53	20	3	20	7	166	162	0.53	企
x - Glasgow Clan	49	51	18	6	22	3	150	166	0.52	1
<b>Dundee Stars</b>	50	46	17	4	25	4	159	192	0.46	Ě
Manchester Storm	50	42	17	3	28	2	154	185	0.42	
Fife Flyers	49	10	3	1	43	2	102	268	0.1	

As at 24th March 2025

x - denotes qualified for playoffs

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
103	Wed	26-Mar-2025	<b>Belfast Giants</b>	Fife Flyers	19:00
251	Wed	26-Mar-2025	Nottingham Panthers	Manchester Storm	19:30
95	Wed	26-Mar-2025	Glasgow Clan	<b>Guildford Flames</b>	19:30
254	Sat	29-Mar-2025	<b>Cardiff Devils</b>	Glasgow Clan	19:30
252	Sat	29-Mar-2025	<b>Guildford Flames</b>	Nottingham Panthers	18:00
253	Sat	29-Mar-2025	<b>Belfast Giants</b>	Fife Flyers	19:00
256	Sat	29-Mar-2025	Sheffield Steelers	<b>Dundee Stars</b>	19:00
257	Sun	30-Mar-2025	<b>Belfast Giants</b>	Manchester Storm	16:00
258	Sun	30-Mar-2025	<b>Dundee Stars</b>	Cardiff Devils	17:00
259	Sun	30-Mar-2025	Fife Flyers	Sheffield Steelers	17:15
260	Sun	30-Mar-2025	Coventry Blaze	Glasgow Clan	17:30

## 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	Н	17:15	Lost	2-4
Saturday Sep 14th	Manchester Storm	League	Н	19:15	Lost	5-6
Sunday Sep 15th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	Α	17:00	Lost SO	2-3
Saturday Sep 21st	Cardiff Devils	League	Α	19:00	Lost	1-5
Sunday Sep 22nd	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	Н	17:15	Lost	5-8
Saturday Sep 28th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	Н	19:15	Won	4-1
Sunday Sep 29th	Guildford Flames	League	Α	18:00	Lost	1-4
Saturday Oct 5th	Manchester Storm	League	Н	19:15	Won	3-2
Sunday Oct 6th	Nottingham Panthers	League	Α	16:00	Lost	1-5
Wednesday Oct 9th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	Н	19:30	Lost	0-7
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	Α	19:30	Lost	2-5
Friday Oct 18th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	Α	19:30	Lost	0-7
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	Н	19:15	Lost	4-7
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	Α	19:00	Lost	0-3
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	Н	17:15	Lost	2-7
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steeleers	League	Α	19:30	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	Α	19:00	Lost	3-5
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	Н	17:15	Lost SO	3-4
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	Н	19:15	Lost OT	4-5
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	Α	17:00	Lost	2-5
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	Α	19:00	Won OT	4-3
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steeleers	League	Н	17:15	Lost	1-4
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	Н	19:15	Lost	4-5
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	Α	17:30	Lost	2-9
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