

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Starting with this game, some player analytics will be added to the pregame. The basic player stats for games played, goals, assists, points, and +/- will also include a couple of analysis numbers will. Points per game, which is standard. There will also be Plus-Minus and Points per game, which looks to include the total players average contribution to a game. Further analysis formula will be developed in the future.

Pre-Game

The Condors are just 2 points out behind the Roadrunners as they are competing for the last playoff spot in the Pacific. The Condors are 4-4-1-1 in the last 10 games. Seth Griggin leads the team in points while rookie Matthew Savoie is having an impressive season with his first full year in the AHL. AHL veteran Olivier Rodrigue has been minding the net. They lost the other night at home in overtime to the Reign. The make their way to Coachella Valley for one game with the Firebirds before starting a 5-game home stand, which will include game from teams in the Central Division. Here are the Condors' offense numbers going into the game (See notes):

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Seth Griffith	RW	36	13	21	34	-11	0.944	0.639
21	* Matthew Savoie	RW	37	11	17	28	10	0.757	1.027
9	Drake Caggiula	LW	31	9	14	23	4	0.742	0.871
58	Connor Carrick	D	31	8	12	20	4	0.645	0.774
4	Cam Dineen	D	32	3	15	18	-3	0.563	0.469
15	x Noah Philp	C	28	9	8	17	2	0.607	0.679
14	Cameron Wright	RW	35	9	6	15	-1	0.429	0.400
22	Matvey Petrov	LW	31	8	6	14	2	0.452	0.516
11	James Hamblin	C	16	6	8	14	4	0.875	1.125
29	Lane Pederson	C	18	5	7	12	-3	0.667	0.500
19	Daniel D'Amato	F	28	6	4	10	-3	0.357	0.250
18	Carl Berglund	C	32	2	8	10	-1	0.313	0.281
12	Jayden Grubbe	C	37	2	7	9	-13	0.243	-0.108
24	Jacob Perreault	RW	24	1	8	9	-11	0.375	-0.083
25	Phil Kemp	D	37	5	3	8	3	0.216	0.297
47	Ronnie Attard	D	31	2	6	8	-7	0.258	0.032
2	x Noel Hoefenmayer	D	11	1	6	7	1	0.636	0.727
41	Alex Kannok Leipert	D	31	2	3	5	-5	0.161	0.000
13	Ethan de Jong	RW	25	0	5	5	0	0.200	0.200
6	x Ben Gleason	D	7	1	3	4	-1	0.571	0.429

48	x Ethan Keppen	F	11	1	2	3	4	0.273	0.636
8	Connor Corcoran	D	18	0	3	3	-4	0.167	-0.056
44	Josh Brown	D	22	0	3	3	1	0.136	0.182
27	* James Stefan	RW	32	2	0	2	-8	0.063	-0.188
16	Max Wanner	D	21	1	1	2	0	0.095	0.095
34	Roby Järventie	LW	2	0	2	2	0	1.000	1.000
5	Tyler Inamoto	D	8	0	2	2	2	0.250	0.500
42	* Alex Swetlikoff	F	14	1	0	1	-4	0.071	-0.214
33	Olivier Rodrigue	G	24	0	1	1	0	0.042	0.042
23	x Brayden Tracey	LW	4	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.500
60	Collin Delia	G	14	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

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The Firebirds are coming off a tough 4-game road trip with a 1-2-0-1 record. They are 6-3-0-1 in their last 10 games. The Firebirds lost to the Reign 3-0 last night. It was only the 3rd shutout loss of the season. The Firebirds played a high intensity game, but goaltender Pheonix Copley was lights out in the net. A little bit of a change was Nikke Kokko in the net on the first of back-to-back nights. The Reign jumped up to second place in the Pacific with the win. The Firebirds will play two games at home and then go to Texas for two games before the All-Star Break. The combination of Daniel Sprong and Lleyton Roed has paid dividends since Daniel's arrival. Daniel has a 1.286 PPG average. Lleyton has only been adding to his totals every night. Jani Nyman leads all AHL rookies with 16 goals. Here are the offense numbers going into the game (See notes):

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Ben Meyers	C	33	11	16	27	-5	0.818	0.667
33	* Jani Nyman	F	40	16	9	25	-2	0.625	0.575
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	40	11	13	24	12	0.600	0.900
96	Logan Morrison	F	41	10	14	24	8	0.585	0.780
27	Ryan Winterton	F	32	11	11	22	8	0.688	0.938
11	Brandon Biro	C	31	5	17	22	-3	0.710	0.613
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	40	7	14	21	6	0.525	0.675
58	Max Lajoie	D	40	3	17	20	-2	0.500	0.450
15	x John Hayden	F	30	7	12	19	-1	0.633	0.600
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	38	3	15	18	-1	0.474	0.447
8	Cale Fleury	D	27	6	10	16	15	0.593	1.148
24	* Ty Nelson	D	41	3	13	16	5	0.390	0.512
12	* Eduard Sale	F	29	5	10	15	6	0.517	0.724

17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
10	Luke Henman	F	34	4	7	11	0	0.324	0.324
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	31	2	9	11	-1	0.355	0.323
91	Daniel Sprong	F	7	4	5	9	-1	1.286	1.143
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	37	2	7	9	12	0.243	0.568
67	x Mitchell Stephens	F	18	4	4	8	-1	0.444	0.389
21	Ian McKinnon	F	35	3	4	7	-1	0.200	0.171
63	Jacob Melanson	F	13	4	2	6	5	0.462	0.846
20	Ryan Jones	D	25	0	5	5	0	0.200	0.200
62	Tucker Robertson	F	22	2	2	4	-7	0.182	-0.136
88	* David Goyette	F	27	1	3	4	-5	0.148	-0.037
28	x Cade Borchardt	F	1	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-2.000
2	x Jake McLaughlin	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	Charlie Wright	D	6	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.500
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	17	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Ales Stezka	G	23	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

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Head-to-Head – Both teams have split the first 4 games of the season with the Firebirds winning the last two games. Starting with tonight's game, 3 out of the 4 remaining games will be in Coachella Valley. As with all teams in the tightly packed Pacific Division, tonight's game should be an entertaining one.

1st Period

Firebirds outshot and outplayed the Condors, but the Condors got the only goal in the period. A neutral zone turnover resulted in the puck finding its way to Jacob Perreault who made a move around Firebirds defense and walked in to shoot the puck past Stezka.

2nd Period

Firebirds looked to have tied the game, but the puck hit the inside of the post and bounced out. After the Firebirds fumbled the puck, the Condors' Alex Swetlikoff found the back of the net to increase the lead. Just past the 16-minute mark, Jagger Firkus was able to beat to Condors to the puck and breakaway to get the first Firebirds goal in several periods. Just when the fans in Acrisure Arena were eyeing a comeback, 49 seconds later, the Condors' Cam Dineen scored the third goal. The Condors are winning the faceoffs and controlling the play.

3rd Period

Condors continued to control the game. The Firebirds got a goal closer when Ryan Winterton picked up the loose change from David Goyette walk-in slap shot from the left circle. Firebirds continued to press, but never able to tie the game.

Post-Game

The Condors played a full 60 minutes of hockey. Their forecheck was persistent against a team that played the night before. The won the faceoff battle and made the Firebirds chase the game. The Condors will have a 5-game home stand that spans the All-Star break. The Firebirds will face the hot Abbotsford Canucks who have won 8 straight games.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	1	2	0		3
Firebirds	0	1	1		2

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027102>

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	28	32
PP	0 / 1	0 / 2
PIM	9	7
SH	0	0

Unofficial stats:

The following are unofficial statistics. The AHL doesn't show faceoff wins, icing, or offsides on the score sheet. I am tracking this on my own so there is a margin of error.

Icing	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	2	0	6		8
Firebirds	0	1			1

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	1	2			3
Firebirds	1	1	1		3

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	8	14	11		33
Firebirds	7	6	11		24

The following is a breakdown of faceoff wins based on zone and player count.

Zone	Condors			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	6	1	0	6	3	0
Neutral	12	1	0	6	0	1
Defense	11	0	2	8	0	0

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill