

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Pre-Game

The Condors start a mini two game road trip tonight against the Firebirds. They played against the Barracuda last night and lost 4-3. Ex-Firebird Andrew Poturalski got the game winning goal for the Barracuda, and he continues to lead the AHL in scoring. The Condors currently hold the last spot in the playoffs for the Pacific Division and just one point ahead of the Roadrunners. Seth Griffith not only leads the team in scoring, but is one of the top points leaders in the AHL. Matthew Savoie, James Hamblin, and Drake Caggiula average 1 point per game (based on PMPPG). Olivier Rodrigue is the Condors #1 goalie with a 14-9-4-1 record. The Condors have 28 games remaining which is the most compared to other Pacific opponents. They have room to win more points and get into a higher playoff position. With Edmonton Oilers leading the Pacific and almost assured a playoff spot, the NHL trade deadline shouldn't impact the Condors.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Seth Griffith	RW	43	15	27	42	-9	0.977	0.767
21	* Matthew Savoie	RW	44	13	23	36	14	0.818	1.136
9	Drake Caggiula	LW	38	13	17	30	12	0.789	1.105
4	Cam Dineen	D	39	5	21	26	6	0.667	0.821
58	Connor Carrick	D	37	10	13	23	8	0.622	0.838
11	James Hamblin	C	23	9	12	21	11	0.913	1.391
15	Noah Philp	C	31	10	8	18	2	0.581	0.645
14	Cameron Wright	RW	42	9	8	17	-1	0.405	0.381
22	Matvey Petrov	LW	34	8	6	14	2	0.412	0.471
19	Daniel D'Amato	F	35	6	6	12	-5	0.343	0.200
29	Lane Pederson	C	18	5	7	12	-3	0.667	0.500
24	Jacob Perreault (total)	RW	31	2	9	11	-12	0.355	-0.032
18	Carl Berglund	C	39	2	8	10	0	0.256	0.256
12	Jayden Grubbe	C	44	2	8	10	-15	0.227	-0.114
25	Phil Kemp	D	44	6	3	9	4	0.205	0.295
47	Ronnie Attard (total)	D	38	2	6	8	-9	0.211	-0.026
2	x Noel Hoefenmayer	D	11	1	6	7	1	0.636	0.727
13	Ethan de Jong	RW	31	1	5	6	0	0.194	0.194
41	Alex Kannok Leipert	D	33	2	3	5	-6	0.152	-0.030
6	x Ben Gleason	D	7	1	3	4	-1	0.571	0.429
8	Connor Corcoran	D	24	0	4	4	-5	0.167	-0.042

44	Josh Brown	D	29	0	4	4	2	0.138	0.207
42	* Alex Swetlikoff	F	19	2	1	3	-4	0.158	-0.053
48	x Ethan Keppen (total)	F	11	1	2	3	4	0.273	0.636
27	*x James Stefan	RW	33	2	0	2	-7	0.061	-0.152
10	Derek Ryan	C	3	1	1	2	-2	0.667	0.000
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	x Tyler Inamoto	D	8	0	2	2	2	0.250	0.500
33	Olivier Rodrigue	G	28	0	1	1	0	0.036	0.036
23	x Brayden Tracey (total)	LW	4	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.500
60	Collin Delia	G	17	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

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The Firebirds are coming off a loss to the Gulls last night. They didn't match the Gulls intensity and were beaten on defense in front of their own goal. The Firebirds didn't have Ryan Winterton or Daniel Sprong in the lineup last night. With back-to-back games, some players are getting rest. Jagger Firkus and Ben Meyers stood out last night. They're playing at .500 that last 10 games. These last 3 games out of the All-Star break have not been their best. Going with a younger lineup this year means that there are going to be some peaks and valleys during the season. With a favorable schedule, hopefully, they can get thinks turned around starting tonight. There are some good statistics to note. The power play was 2 for 2 last night, which has moved them to the 7th best in the AHL. Keep in mind they had the worst power play a couple months ago. One the penalty side, the Firebirds have 2nd fewest penalty minutes in the AHL. Staying out of the penalty box and having the 8th best penalty kill in the AHL has kept them in games.

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39	Ben Meyers	C	40	16	19	35	-6	0.875	0.725
33	* Jani Nyman	F	47	19	13	32	-2	0.681	0.638
96	Logan Morrison	F	48	10	18	28	7	0.583	0.729
27	Ryan Winterton	F	38	12	15	27	8	0.711	0.921
58	Max Lajoie	D	47	3	23	26	1	0.553	0.574
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	47	10	15	25	4	0.532	0.617
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	47	11	13	24	9	0.511	0.702
11	Brandon Biro	C	34	5	18	23	-5	0.676	0.529
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	45	5	18	23	-3	0.511	0.444
15	John Hayden	F	35	7	15	22	2	0.629	0.686
24	* Ty Nelson	D	48	4	16	20	8	0.417	0.583
8	Cale Fleury	D	30	6	12	18	12	0.600	1.000
12	* Eduard Šalé	F	33	5	11	16	5	0.485	0.636
91	Daniel Sprong	F	13	7	8	15	-2	1.154	1.000
10	Luke Henman	F	40	5	9	14	0	0.350	0.350

17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	37	2	10	12	-6	0.324	0.162
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	44	2	8	10	10	0.227	0.455
67	x Mitchell Stephens	F	18	4	4	8	-1	0.444	0.389
21	Ian McKinnon	F	39	4	4	8	-1	0.205	0.179
63	Jacob Melanson	F	20	5	2	7	2	0.350	0.450
62	Tucker Robertson	F	25	3	2	5	-6	0.200	-0.040
88	* David Goyette	F	32	1	4	5	-5	0.156	0.000
20	Ryan Jones	D	27	0	5	5	0	0.185	0.185
28	x Cade Borchart	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
31	Philipp Grubauer	G	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	x Charlie Wright	D	9	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.333
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	20	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Aleš Stezka	G	24	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

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Head-to-Head: The Condors have the edge this season with a 3-2-0-0 record against the Firebirds. Both teams have played competitively in the previous two seasons. Tonight, will be the 6th game in the 8-game season series. Since both teams played the night before, it will be interesting to see who comes out with the energy to capture 2 points in the standings. It is Kid's Night at Acrisure Arena so the Firebirds will have some extra energy and loud noise behind them.

1st Period

As both teams lost last night, both teams came out a little testy as players tangled up within the first few seconds. Both teams had scoring chances. There was much more hitting from the Firebirds compared to last night. Condors controlled the play by winning in the faceoff circle. At one point that had a 10 to 4 advantage. After a Condor power play, the Condors got a goal on another Firebirds defensive breakdown.

2nd Period

Condors continued to control play, but their press began to crack as the period went on. 14 minutes in, the Firebirds got some good O-zone time that had the Condors scrambling. In one of the most entertaining attacks there was a mad scramble in front of the net that saw the Firebirds chop away and the Condors not able to control the puck. Firebirds had the almost-opportunities with the crowd going crazy. The puck finally fell to Jacob Melanson and he put it past Olivier Rodrigue to tie the game. 3 minutes later, the Condors got a scramble in front of the Firebirds goal. The Ref signaled that the puck went in, but Ales Stezka looked upset that he had the puck and it didn't cross the line. After a video review, the goal was disallowed.

3rd Period

A sleepy game in the first two periods got some excitement in the 3rd with 4 goals scored. The Firebirds got the first goal on a rush up the ice. Jani Nyman sniped a shot past the glove of the Olivier Rodrigue's glove. About 3 minutes later, Ronnie Attard found a rebound and put the puck past Stezka. 6 minutes later, Firebirds on another rush, Ben Meyers tip in a pass from Daniel Sprong. Just when you thought the Firebirds were going to close out the game, Daniel D'Amato got a rebound and just put the puck on the net that bounced in past Stezka.

Overtime / Shootout

The game went to overtime. Condor's won the face off but couldn't generate a shot. Firebirds got a nice intercept that turned into a breakaway. The Condors' defense caught up to stop the shot, but were called on a penalty for holding. The Firebirds almost won the game with a shot off the post. The Firebirds got caught on a penalty with 9.9 seconds left in the game, but the Condors couldn't convert.

The game went to a shootout. The Firebirds have not won a shootout game this year, and it didn't start well. The Firebirds went first and missed. Condors then scored on their first attempt. Brando Biro got a shootout goal for the Firebirds second attempt. The second attempt for the Condors went in pretty easily as Stezka didn't challenge the shooter. Daniel Sprong got a goal on the 3rd attempt. The Condors third shooter missed so the shootout went into the single rounds. Both teams couldn't score in the 4th round. Eduard Sale, who won the game for his Czech team in the World Juniors in a shootout, came down the ice and put the Firebirds ahead. With the crowd in a frenzy, all eyes turned to Stezka to stop the Condors shooter and he did it with a nice challenge. The kids went home happy.

Post-Game

The Firebirds get their first shootout win of the season. The two points keep them in 4th place in the Pacific and 4 points behind Calgary who are in first. The Condors put on a strong effort and controlled most of the play. They will have to settle for a point and a tie in points with Tucson for the last playoff spot in the Pacific. The next game for both teams is on Wednesday. The Firebirds welcome the Tucson Roadrunners. Condors head off to Henderson to take on the Silver Knights

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	SHO	Total
Condors	1	0	2	0	2	3
Firebirds	0	1	2	0	3	4

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027219>

Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: [Firebirds - YouTube](#)

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	34	28
PP	0 / 5	0 / 6
PIM	12	10
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	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Condors	0	3		0	3
Firebirds	2	1	3	0	6

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

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Condors	12	13	7	3	35
Firebirds	9	7	12	2	30

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

	Condors			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	7	5	0	5	6	0
Neutral	4	1	0	9	1	1
Defense	10	0	8	7	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill