

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: COL Eagles

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Pre-Game

The Colorado Avalanche were big movers at the trade deadline as they push to make the playoffs. As a result, the Eagles will have a solid roster for the rest of the season. The Eagles have had a more veteran group all season. T.J. Tynan, Jacob MacDonald, and Matthew Phillips are leading the team in scoring and points. Trent Minor has been solid in net, and he is one of the top goalies in the AHL. The Eagles are in first place in the Pacific, and tied in points with the Firebirds. They are 5-3-1-1 in the last 10 games. They are in the middle of a 6-game road trip, where they are 1-2-0-0 so far. Giving up the fewest goals in the AHL has been a key to the Eagles success this season. The +/- totals for Forwards and Defense are very high. They also are leaders in shorthanded goals this season.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
9	T.J. Tynan	F	43	8	36	44	12	1.023	1.302
4	Jacob MacDonald	D	49	23	19	42	11	0.857	1.082
54	Matthew Phillips	RW	49	15	27	42	17	0.857	1.204
21	Jayson Megna	C	48	11	25	36	14	0.750	1.042
3	Jake Wise	F	48	15	18	33	13	0.688	0.958
18	Jack Ahcan	D	54	4	28	32	4	0.593	0.667
48	Tye Felhaber	LW	51	16	15	31	11	0.608	0.824
43	Calle Rosén	D	45	8	20	28	17	0.622	1.000
22	Jere Innala	LW	34	14	10	24	3	0.706	0.794
14	Chris Wagner	C	29	12	10	22	7	0.759	1.000
24	Oskar Olausson	F	51	10	11	21	2	0.412	0.451
85	* Nikita Prishchepov	F	43	8	13	21	5	0.488	0.605
6	William Dufour	F	45	8	10	18	-23	0.400	-0.111
38	* Chase Bradley	LW	47	11	5	16	11	0.340	0.574
15	Mark Senden	C	45	5	11	16	15	0.356	0.689
93	Jean-Luc Foudy	RW	34	4	11	15	7	0.441	0.647
5	Wyatt Aamodt	D	53	3	10	13	33	0.245	0.868
41	Jason Polin	F	24	8	3	11	-2	0.458	0.375
72	* Connor Mayer	D	21	4	5	9	9	0.429	0.857
74	Devante Stephens	D	34	2	7	9	5	0.265	0.412
82	Ivan Ivan	F	18	2	4	6	-3	0.333	0.167
10	John Ludvig	D	16	0	6	6	3	0.375	0.563

55	* Maros Jedlicka	LW	18	3	2	5	-2	0.278	0.167
67	x Keaton Middleton	D	17	0	4	4	5	0.235	0.529
65	x Neil Shea	F	8	1	2	3	2	0.375	0.625
36	Matthew Stienburg	F	3	1	1	2	2	0.667	1.333
45	* Chad Hillebrand	F	15	1	1	2	1	0.133	0.200
68	x Ondrej Pavel	F	14	0	2	2	-4	0.143	-0.143
61	*x Garrett Pyke	D	29	0	2	2	-2	0.069	0.000
88	x Givani Smith	LW	6	0	1	1	-2	0.167	-0.167
71	* Bryan Yoon	D	12	0	1	1	0	0.083	0.083
31	Kevin Mandolese	G	16	0	1	1	0	0.063	0.063
53	x Briley Wood	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
34	x Kaapo Kähkönen	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
34	x Adam Scheel	G	11	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
57	x Keaton Mastrodonato	F	13	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.231
50	Trent Miner	G	26	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	153	218	371	83
Defense	44	102	146	85

*Note: The scoring data comes from The AHL Daily and team websites. PPG = Points / games played. PMPPG = (Points + (+/-))/games played. PMPPG is intended to include the defensive number to a player's full contribution per game. * Rookie. X – Player Not on roster, injured, or called up.*

The Seattle Kraken were sellers at the trade deadline as their chances to make the playoffs have faded. They made several moves to get a lot of draft picks over the next few seasons. With the current crop of rookies doing very well and others working their way through the system, the Kraken appear to be growing from within. The changes have affected the Firebirds roster. Daniel Sprong was traded to the New Jersey Devils so he is back in the NHL. Philipp Grubauer has found his form again and is back with the Kraken. John Hayden and Cale Fleury are currently with the Kraken. With the different roster moves, Jacob Melanson and Nikke Kokko both got their first starts in the NHL, but they are back with the Firebirds. The Firebirds has a successful road trip that saw them take solo first place in the Pacific for a few days. A one goal loss to the Silver Knights was followed up with a win against the Gulls and two dominating performances against the Wranglers. Rookie Jani Nyman is climbing up the AHL records and now tops the Firebirds in points and goals. This has led the Kraken to call Jani up to the big club. What is even better is that scoring contributions are coming from everyone in the lineup, and the power play and penalty kill are in the tops of the AHL. The Firebirds are 7-3-0-0 in the last 10 games. They will only play 3 home games this month.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
33	* Jani Nyman	F	55	26	15	41	3	0.745	0.800
39	Ben Meyers	C	45	19	21	40	-2	0.889	0.844
96	Logan Morrison	F	56	12	23	35	5	0.625	0.714
58	Max Lajoie	D	55	3	29	32	10	0.582	0.764
27	Ryan Winterton	F	45	14	17	31	7	0.689	0.844
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	53	5	25	30	3	0.566	0.623
11	Brandon Biro	F	42	5	24	29	-3	0.690	0.619
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	53	11	17	28	9	0.528	0.698
15	x John Hayden	F	43	11	16	27	-1	0.628	0.605
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	50	13	13	26	10	0.520	0.720
24	* Ty Nelson	D	56	6	20	26	15	0.464	0.732
91	x Daniel Sprong	F	19	11	14	25	0	1.316	1.316
8	Cale Fleury	D	36	6	18	24	9	0.667	0.917
12	* Eduard Šalé	F	38	5	14	19	9	0.500	0.737
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	45	3	13	16	-5	0.356	0.244
10	Luke Henman	F	44	6	9	15	3	0.341	0.409
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	52	2	9	11	11	0.212	0.423
63	Jacob Melanson	F	27	7	3	10	4	0.370	0.519
21	Ian McKinnon	F	44	6	4	10	3	0.227	0.295
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	21	5	5	10	-1	0.476	0.429
88	* David Goyette	F	38	2	8	10	-1	0.263	0.237
62	Tucker Robertson	F	29	4	4	8	-2	0.276	0.207
20	Ryan Jones	D	29	0	6	6	3	0.207	0.310
52	x Tye Kartye	F	3	2	2	4	1	1.333	1.667
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
40	Victor Östman	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
31	x Philipp Grubauer	G	7	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	22	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Aleš Stezka	G	25	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	166	215	381	38
Defense	25	120	145	43

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Head-to-Head: Tonight's game is a battle for first place in the Pacific, and it is the second to last meeting of the season between both teams. The last game between both teams will be in Coachella Valley. It seems fitting that both teams face each other tonight as the Eagles won over the weekend to tie in points in the standings. The season series is split evenly. Eagles are 3-3-0-0 and the Firebirds are 3-2-0-1. Both teams are 23 points clear of the 8th place Condors so both teams should make the playoffs. With the trade deadline in the rearview mirror, we will get to see how the AHL rosters and teams react to all the changes.

1st Period

The top two teams didn't disappoint. It was a track meet as both teams went up and down the ice. The Firebirds had 3 grade A scoring chances with a wide-open net, but somehow the puck never went in. With less than 5 minutes to go, Ivan Ivan found Chase Bradley Infront of the net for squirely tip in past Nikke Kokko.

2nd Period

The Eagles owned the period. On their second power play, Chris Wagner's power move to the net snuck past Kokko. The Firebirds looked to be chasing the puck and not able to establish any O-zone time.

3rd Period

Firebirds got on the board just after their power play expired, but the Eagles played a well-structured game. The Eagles took the wind out of the building with their 3rd goal. A empty net goal a few minutes later sealed the victory.

Post-Game

The Eagles played a solid defensive game to get the win. The Firebirds were without several key players who are with the Kraken. It appeared that no one wanted to take a shot when they needed to take a shot. Considering this is the first game after the trade deadline, the Firebirds will have to regroup and they should get back in stride with the talent they have. The Eagles continue their road trip. The Firebirds are off to Bakersfield on Friday and back home on Saturday.

Final note: Jani Nyman got his first goal in the NHL with the Kraken tonight. It was a power play goal.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Eagles	1	1	2	4
Firebirds	0	0	1	1

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027367>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Eagles	Firebirds
Shots	28	16
PP	1 / 4	0 / 2
PIM	16	20
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	Total
Eagles	3	1	5	9
Firebirds	1	1	0	2

Offsides	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Eagles	3	2	0	5
Firebirds	1	2	2	5

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Eagles	8	7	10	25
Firebirds	9	12	11	33

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

Zone	Eagles			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	5	4	0	8	1	1
Neutral	7	0	0	9	0	1
Defense	9	0	0	11	0	2

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill