

The GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Pre-Game

The Condors are in a battle with the Roadrunners for the last playoff spot in the Pacific. They currently sit 1 point behind the Roadrunners. The Edmonton Oilers are in the playoffs, but they have had to recall players from the Condors for their playoff push. Seth Griffith has the 3rd most points total in the AHL. Drake Caggiula and rookie standout, Matthew Savoie, round out the top three offensive players. The goaltending and defensive play have grounded the Condors. 25th in penalty killing and 31st in power play explain part of their troubles.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	Α	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Seth Griffith	RW	63	19	47	66	-7	1.048	0.937
9	Drake Caggiula	LW	59	23	28	51	19	0.864	1.186
21	* Matthew Savoie	F	62	18	32	50	19	0.806	1.113
4	Cam Dineen	D	59	9	34	43	1	0.729	0.746
11	James Hamblin	С	47	19	23	42	21	0.894	1.340
58	Connor Carrick	D	60	17	22	39	3	0.650	0.700
15	x Noah Philp	С	52	15	15	30	7	0.577	0.712
14	Cameron Wright	RW	59	13	11	24	-6	0.407	0.305
49	x Max Jones	LW	38	13	8	21	1	0.553	0.579
19	Daniel D'Amato	F	53	9	8	17	-1	0.321	0.302
22	Matvey Petrov	LW	50	9	7	16	-6	0.320	0.200
47	Ronnie Attard	D	62	6	9	15	-11	0.242	0.065
24	Jacob Perreault	RW	43	2	11	13	-19	0.302	-0.140
12	Jayden Grubbe	С	58	2	11	13	-19	0.224	-0.103
25	Phil Kemp	D	53	7	5	12	4	0.226	0.302
29	Lane Pederson	С	18	5	7	12	-3	0.667	0.500
18	x Carl Berglund	С	45	2	10	12	2	0.267	0.311
48	Ethan Keppen	F	23	6	5	11	10	0.478	0.913
42	* Alex Swetlikoff	F	43	5	5	10	-9	0.233	0.023
8	Connor Corcoran	D	41	2	8	10	-11	0.244	-0.024
13	Ethan de Jong	RW	50	2	7	9	0	0.180	0.180
41	Alex Kannok Leipert	D	55	4	4	8	-3	0.145	0.091
10	Derek Ryan	С	13	3	5	8	-10	0.615	-0.154
2	x Noel Hoefenmayer	D	11	1	6	7	1	0.636	0.727
45	Kyle Mayhew	D	12	1	6	7	2	0.583	0.750

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23	Darren Brady	D	15	0	6	6	2	0.400	0.533
6	x Ben Gleason	D	7	1	3	4	-1	0.571	0.429
44	Josh Brown	D	38	0	4	4	9	0.105	0.342
27	*x James Stefan	RW	45	3	0	3	-16	0.067	-0.289
38	* Josh Prokop	RW	6	1	2	3	2	0.500	0.833
16	x Max Wanner	D	22	1	1	2	1	0.091	0.136
34	Roby Järventie	LW	2	0	2	2	0	1.000	1.000
18	Rhett Pitlick	F	2	0	2	2	3	1.000	2.500
5	x Tyler Inamoto	D	8	0	2	2	2	0.250	0.500
60	Collin Delia	G	24	0	1	1	0	0.042	0.042
33	Olivier Rodrigue	G	40	0	1	1	0	0.025	0.025
64	Connor Clattenburg	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
23	x Brayden Tracey	LW	4	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.500
30	x Brett Brochu	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
46	Brady Stonehouse	RW	6	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	А	PTS	+/-
Forwards	169	246	415	-11
Defense	49	110	159	-1

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 roaster, injured, or called up.

The callups to the Kraken have stalled the Firebirds push for getting a higher seeding in the playoffs. Although they have clinched a playoff spot, home ice advantage in the first round is in doubt. San Jose is now 1 point behind the Firebirds in 5th. With 4 games to play, mathematically the Firebirds can get to 2nd place by winning all for and the Canucks getting only 1 point and the Reign only get 3 points in their final 4 games respectively. That seems unlikely. If there is any push would be to overtake the Reign who are only 4 points ahead. Ben Meyers, Jani Nyman, and Logan Morrison are the top three in points. Nikke Kokko has been solid in net. They are 2nd in the AHL in penalty kill and 11th in the power play. Late season injuries have the organization calling up reserves from the OHL and ECHL to finish off the season. The Kraken season end on Tuesday so Ryan Winterton, John Hayden, and Cale Fleury should be back on the roaster for the final 2 regular season games next weekend.

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39	Ben Meyers	F	54	22	24	46	-3	0.852	0.796
33	* Jani Nyman	F	55	26	15	41	3	0.745	0.800
96	Logan Morrison	F	68	13	27	40	8	0.588	0.706
27	x Ryan Winterton	F	55	18	19	37	11	0.673	0.873
58	Max Lajoie	D	67	4	33	37	15	0.552	0.776

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11	Brandon Biro	F	53	6	28	34	-2	0.642	0.604
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	65	13	20	33	8	0.508	0.631
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	65	7	26	33	0	0.508	0.508
24	* Ty Nelson	D	68	6	23	29	17	0.426	0.676
15	x John Hayden	F	43	11	16	27	-1	0.628	0.605
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	56	13	13	26	8	0.464	0.607
91	x Daniel Sprong	F	19	11	14	25	0	1.316	1.316
8	x Cale Fleury	D	36	6	18	24	9	0.667	0.917
12	* Eduard Šalé	F	50	6	15	21	6	0.420	0.540
88	* David Goyette	F	50	6	12	18	6	0.360	0.480
10	Luke Henman	F	56	6	10	16	-2	0.286	0.250
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	49	3	13	16	-6	0.327	0.204
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	64	3	11	14	7	0.219	0.328
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	32	6	7	13	-2	0.406	0.344
63	Jacob Melanson	F	39	7	4	11	-3	0.282	0.205
21	lan McKinnon	F	52	6	5	11	2	0.212	0.250
62	Tucker Robertson	F	37	4	5	9	-2	0.243	0.189
20	Ryan Jones	D	39	0	7	7	-1	0.179	0.154
52	x Tye Kartye	F	3	2	2	4	1	1.333	1.667
50	Charlie Wright	D	20	0	3	3	-4	0.150	-0.050
2	x Jake McLaughlin	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
90	Nathan Villeneuve	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
40	Victor Östman	G	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
28	x Cade Borchardt	F	5	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.600
31	x Philipp Grubauer	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Aleš Stezka	G	25	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	31	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	А	PTS	+/-
Forwards	183	242	425	30
Defense	29	134	163	37

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Head-to-Head: Both teams have split the season series so far. Condors own a slight edge with a 4-2-0-1 to the Firebirds 3-3-1-0. Both teams need points. Condors to get the last playoff spot, and the Firebirds to improve their seeding. If the Firebirds play they way did against the Barracuda the other night, we should see another high-intensity-physical game.

1st Period

The period was a one-sided affair. The Condors got on the board first. A faceoff win by James Hamblin pushed the puck to Ronnie Attard who snipped a shot past Nikke Kokko who was partially block. The Firebirds then went to work. During a TV timeout, there was a video tribute to Jani Nyman's first NHL goal. On cue, Jani got on the board with a nice pass play from Nikolas Brouillard and Ben Meyers. 28 seconds later, the Condors mishandled the puck in the neutral zone and passed it back to their defensive zone where Oscar Fisker Mølgaard already on the zone pounced on the puck and pass to Ben Meyers. Ben then spotted Jani Nyman all alone on the other side of the ice and made a nice little pass play that Jani who tap it home for the 2nd goal of the game. 5 minutes later, Cale Fleury got a shot from the blue line that found its way past a screened-out Olivier Rodrigue. Two minute later, the Firebirds had the Condors on the ropes again, Nikolas Brouillard made a sweet download pass to Jagger Firkus near the goal, and Jagger didn't miss the back of the net. Firebirds strong defense was also on display as the Condors on got 2 shots on goal.

2nd Period

Condors made a goalie change to start the period. Condors made a little push, but they couldn't develop any quality chances. Firebirds continue to pounce. They played physical and hustled to the puck. Many smart passes that created opportunities. In the end, no scoring in the period.

3rd Period

The Condors even out the play as they attempt to get back into the game and get the critical points. Scoreboard watching, the Roadrunners lost in overtime. Condors got the only goal in the period on a pass in the crease that Kokko couldn't coral. The Condors pulled the goalie with 4 minutes left. The Firebirds took a few shots at the empty net, but only upped their icing stats. Condors never got a real chance to get another goal as the Firebird defense clamped down.

Post-Game

Nikke Kokko got his 20h win of the season. The Firebirds got two critical points as the Reign took care of the Barracuda. Firebirds still sit in 4th place. Condors have 3 games left. The Condors will play the Canucks on Wednesday, and the finish the season with a home and home series against the Silver Knights. The Firebirds will play the Gulls tomorrow and finish next weekend with games against the Canucks and Gulls.

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

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Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <u>https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027569</u> Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: <u>Firebirds - YouTube</u>

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	23	29
PP	0/2	0/1
PIM	2	4
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	1	1	1	3
Firebirds	3	1	6	10

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

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Condors	11	9	10	30
Firebirds	10	10	14	34

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

		Condors		Firebirds		
Zone	ES	РР	РК	ES	РР	РК
Attack	9	2	0	12	0	0
Neutral	8	0	1	6	0	0
Defense	9	0	1	14	0	2

ES – Even Strength PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill