

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SD Gulls

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### Pre-Game

The Gulls are out of the playoffs and have nothing to play for except being a spoiler. The whole Anaheim Ducks organization has been in a rebuild for some time. The Ducks themselves have shown life recently of what they could become, but the development pieces in Gulls also need to produce. It says a lot when the top offensive points leader is a rookie defenseman. Tristan Luneau league leading assist mark is impressive, but other offensive forward playmakers are needed to build on what Tristan can do. The goaltending has been a bit of a revolving door. Teams +/- is -121, and the penalty killing is at the bottom of the AHL. Regardless of the poor results they can play spoiler with two games left against the Firebirds and a game against the Reign. They will have one game against the Silver Knights in an effort to not finish last in the Pacific Division.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
6	* Tristan Luneau	D	55	7	41	48	-3	0.873	0.818
22	Ryan Carpenter	C	68	19	27	46	-10	0.676	0.529
16	Sasha Pastujov	RW	40	17	26	43	-4	1.075	0.975
11	Jan Myšák	C	64	17	21	38	-8	0.594	0.469
12	Justin Bailey	F	64	19	17	36	-4	0.563	0.500
37	Roland McKeown	D	65	14	22	36	3	0.554	0.600
25	*x Sam Colangelo	F	38	19	16	35	8	0.921	1.132
13	x Nikita Nesterenko	LW	48	13	21	34	2	0.708	0.750
19	* Yegor Sidorov	RW	56	16	17	33	-12	0.589	0.375
28	Judd Caulfield	RW	63	11	13	24	2	0.381	0.413
18	Carson Meyer	RW	29	9	12	21	-7	0.724	0.483
17	Nathan Gaucher	C	56	8	11	19	5	0.339	0.429
5	Tyson Hinds	D	67	4	14	18	-4	0.269	0.209
21	* Nico Myatovic	LW	60	8	9	17	-10	0.283	0.117
26	x Jansen Harkins	C	11	5	12	17	2	1.545	1.727
12	x Pavol Regenda	LW	36	4	12	16	-15	0.444	0.028
14	* Coulson Pitre	RW	57	3	13	16	-5	0.281	0.193
15	Carsen Twarynski	LW	36	5	9	14	-1	0.389	0.361
10	Josh Lopina	C	61	3	10	13	-12	0.213	0.016
29	*x Rodwin Dionicio	D	24	5	4	9	-6	0.375	0.125
3	Dillon Heatherington	D	55	1	6	7	-2	0.127	0.091
29	*x Ian Moore	D	9	1	4	5	-1	0.556	0.444

7	* Stian Solberg	D	9	2	2	4	-2	0.444	0.222
2	* Noah Warren	D	57	0	4	4	-10	0.070	-0.105
40	*x Andrew Lucas	D	20	0	3	3	0	0.150	0.150
41	x Roman Kinal	D	36	1	1	2	-3	0.056	-0.028
31	Calle Clang	G	29	0	2	2	0	0.069	0.069
35	Oscar Dansk	G	35	0	2	2	0	0.057	0.057
45	x Easton Brodzinski	F	9	1	0	1	-3	0.111	-0.222
23	* Jaxsen Wiebe	RW	12	1	0	1	-2	0.083	-0.083
39	* Owen Lindmark	C	11	0	1	1	2	0.091	0.273
44	*x Jeremie Biakabutuka	D	12	0	1	1	-5	0.083	-0.333
34	x Ville Husso	G	22	0	1	1	0	0.045	0.045
24	Travis Howe	RW	36	0	1	1	-5	0.028	-0.111
36	x Drew Elliott	LW	1	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-2.000
43	*x Michael Farren	RW	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
43	* Ryan Lautenbach	RW	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
32	x Vyacheslav Buteyets	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
	* Damian Clara	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
37	x Eddie Matsushima	C	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
15	x Michal Stinil	LW	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
4	x Drew Helleson	D	12	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-0.417

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	178	248	426	-83
Defense	35	102	137	-38

*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 return of Jani Nyman, John Hayden, and Cale Fleury can at the right time. Jani and Cale scored the first 3 goals of last night game against the Condors. Jagger Firkus finished off the scoring, and the rest of the game was a strong defensive battle as the Condors attempted and failed to get back into the game. That was last night. Getting two more points is critical to secure 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Pacific. The best the Firebirds can finish is 3<sup>rd</sup> place with some help from other teams. The Reign and Canucks play against each other in the last game of the season. The Firebirds are 4 points behind both teams so 2<sup>nd</sup> place is out of reach now. Regardless, Coach Laxdal said that these final games of the season are critical to get ready for the playoffs.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Ben Meyers	F	55	22	26	48	-2	0.873	0.836
33	* Jani Nyman	F	56	28	15	43	4	0.768	0.839
96	Logan Morrison	F	69	13	27	40	9	0.580	0.710
27	x Ryan Winterton	F	55	18	19	37	11	0.673	0.873
58	Max Lajoie	D	68	4	33	37	15	0.544	0.765
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	66	7	29	36	4	0.545	0.606
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	66	14	20	34	8	0.515	0.636
11	Brandon Biro	F	54	6	28	34	-1	0.630	0.611
24	* Ty Nelson	D	69	6	23	29	16	0.420	0.652
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
8	Cale Fleury	D	37	7	19	26	11	0.703	1.000
91	x Daniel Sprong (total)	F	19	11	14	25	0	1.316	1.316
12	* Eduard Šalé	F	51	6	15	21	6	0.412	0.529
88	* David Goyette	F	51	6	12	18	6	0.353	0.471
10	Luke Henman	F	57	6	10	16	-2	0.281	0.246
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	49	3	13	16	-6	0.327	0.204
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	65	3	11	14	6	0.215	0.308
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	33	6	7	13	-1	0.394	0.364
63	Jacob Melanson	F	40	7	5	12	-3	0.300	0.225
21	Ian 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	40	0	7	7	-1	0.175	0.150
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
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	4	0	1	1	0	0.250	0.250
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
90	Nathan Villeneuve	F	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
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	32	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	186	246	432	36
Defense	30	138	168	41

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**Head-to-Head:** The Firebirds have come out ahead of the Gulls this season with a 5-1-0-0 record compared to the Gulls 1-2-3-0 record. Don't let the records fool you. With the exception of one game, the games have been 1 goal affairs. Expect tonight's game to be no different.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Period

Firebirds got the first goal on dominate control in the O-Zone and breakdown by the Gulls. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard won control of the puck got it over to Jani Nyman. Jani found Ben Meyers who put the puck in the open net. The Gulls fought back, but couldn't generate any scoring even with the periods lone power plan. The Gulls were winning the faceoffs and getting O-zone time. The Firebirds 2<sup>nd</sup> goal came on a line change. On a breakout, Nikolas Brouillard spotted Jagger Firkus in at the Gulls blue line. Jagger got a free run and snip past Calle Clang for the second goal. The rest of the period belonged to the Gulls. The Firebirds got the puck with 20 seconds to go and held the puck behind the net to let period end.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

The Gulls took advantage of a tired Firebird team. The Gulls almost ted the game on the power play, but sharp defense kept the puck out of the net. The Gulls finally broke through with two late goals. The first was on the rush by Jan Myšák, and the second came two minutes later by Yegor Sidorov's spinorama shot found space left open between Victor Ostman and the left post. It is now a 20-minute game.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

It was a battle of O-zone time. Both teams had possession, but neither team could get anything going. After the 12-minute mark, the Firebirds flipped a switch and up the tempo. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard got his first AHL goal with a swift cross-ice pass from Charlie Wright. With 2 minutes to play, the Gulls pulled the goalie. Firebirds had a chance to get the empty netter, but it missed. A couple icing later, the Firebirds were assessed a penalty. The Gulls won the face off and tied the game with 7 seconds.

### OT

Firebirds won the face off and had the puck for some time. They never got a shot off. Once the Gulls gained control, the Gulls trapped the puck behind the Firebirds goal. The puck eventually moved out and the Gulls found the open man to shot the puck home for the winning goal.

### Post-Game

As expected, the teams played to another 1 goal game. This time the Gulls came away winners. A few nights ago, the Firebirds dominated the faceoff circle against the Barracuda, and the result was a 0-0 game that went to overtime. Barracuda played very well against the Firebirds this season so getting another point out of them was good. Tonight, the Gulls were the winners in the faceoff circle, and they got the critical faceoff win in the last seconds to tie the game. The Firebirds only won 2 out of 8 faceoffs on the

penalty kill, and they were 3 for 9 on even strength faceoffs in the attacking zone. The Firebirds need 1 more point to get home ice in the first round. Getting 3<sup>rd</sup> place is still a possibility, but they need help. Firebirds will have a few days to get some rest. They will finish with back-to-back games on Friday and Saturday. The Gulls will finish off their season and continue to be spoiler with games against the Reign and Firebirds.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	Total
<b>Gulls</b>	0	2	1	1	4
<b>Firebirds</b>	2	0	1	0	3

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027583>  
Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: [Firebirds - YouTube](#)

#### Team Game Stats:

	<b>Gulls</b>	<b>Firebirds</b>
<b>Shots</b>	34	30
<b>PP</b>	1 / 5	0 / 2
<b>PIM</b>	4	10
<b>SH</b>	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.

<b>Icing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Total</b>
Gulls	0	1	1		2
Firebirds	1	0	4		5

<b>Offsides</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Total</b>
Gulls	1	1	0		2
Firebirds	0	1	0		1

<b>Faceoff Wins</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	<b>Total</b>
Gulls	11	8	9	0	27
Firebirds	7	10	8	1	26

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

	<b>Gulls</b>			<b>Firebirds</b>		
<b>Zone</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PK</b>
<b>Attack</b>	6	2	0	3	2	0
<b>Neutral</b>	7	1	0	11	0	0
<b>Defense</b>	6	3	2	8	0	2

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill