

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ABB Canucks

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Pre-Game

The Canucks had a late season push with 13-wins in a row. They are 4 points behind the Eagles for first in the Pacific. They are tied in points with the Reign. With two games a remaining for all teams, the Eagles would have to lose 2 games and the Canucks win both games for the Canucks to take first in the Pacific. They have several players that have over 1 PMPPG, but no real standouts in any AHL categories. On a very positive note, they have not given up a shorthanded goal all season. Maybe what has hurt them is that they are in the middle of the pack on power play and penalty kills.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
13	Arshdeep Bains	LW	48	10	31	41	9	0.854	1.042
54	Aatu Rätty	C	41	17	22	39	10	0.951	1.195
79	Sammy Blais	LW	49	14	25	39	7	0.796	0.939
39	*x Ty Mueller	C	62	12	26	38	13	0.613	0.823
86	Christian Wolanin	D	56	4	34	38	2	0.679	0.714
18	Danila Klimovich	RW	63	24	13	37	4	0.587	0.651
94	x Linus Karlsson	RW	30	21	13	34	10	1.133	1.467
88	x Nils Åman	C	36	7	23	30	6	0.833	1.000
23	* Jonathan Lekkerimäki	RW	34	19	9	28	-1	0.824	0.794
84	Tristen Nielsen	LW	65	15	13	28	-11	0.431	0.262
63	x Max Sasson	C	39	10	17	27	-11	0.692	0.410
21	Chase Wouters	C	70	10	16	26	0	0.371	0.371
83	Nate Smith	C	60	9	17	26	-5	0.433	0.350
48	Cole McWard	D	66	6	20	26	10	0.394	0.545
59	*x Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	63	5	21	26	17	0.413	0.683
4	Jett Woo	D	66	2	16	18	14	0.273	0.485
15	Jujhar Khaira	C	33	6	10	16	-3	0.485	0.394
14	John Stevens	C	45	4	11	15	4	0.333	0.422
17	Dino Kambeitz	RW	52	10	4	14	3	0.269	0.327
25	*x Elias Pettersson	D	38	1	12	13	7	0.342	0.526
26	x Erik Brännström	D	8	2	10	12	11	1.500	2.875
90	x Victor Mancini	D	28	3	8	11	-7	0.393	0.143
41	Akito Hirose	D	32	3	8	11	3	0.344	0.438
91	Cooper Walker	C	34	5	5	10	7	0.294	0.500
61	Ty Glover	LW	37	4	6	10	6	0.270	0.432

34	Phillip Di Giuseppe	LW	20	4	3	7	-1	0.350	0.300
56	x Carsen Twarynski	LW	26	2	5	7	-1	0.269	0.231
51	x Mark Friedman	D	20	1	5	6	4	0.300	0.500
55	Guillaume Brisebois	D	46	2	3	5	2	0.109	0.152
29	x Ben Berard	LW	4	2	0	2	1	0.500	0.750
31	Artūrs Šilovs	G	20	0	2	2	0	0.100	0.100
3	* Joe Arntsen	D	10	1	0	1	-2	0.100	-0.100
89	* Jackson Kunz	C	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000
71	x Josh Bloom	LW	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
5	x Layton Ahac	D	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
30	Jiří Patera	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
85	*x Ty Young	G	11	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
58	* Christian Felton	D	13	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.077
60	x Nikita Tolopilo	G	34	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	205	271	476	48
Defense	30	137	167	59

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.

Last Wednesday's results were not good for the Firebirds. The Reign and Canucks won so the best the Firebirds can do is get 1 point in the last two games to secure 4th place and home ice in the first round. The full roster should be available as the Kraken have finished their season. There are some injuries, but the Firebirds have shown resiliency with players stepping up to fill roles. Nikke Kokko was named to the all-rookie team this year. He has 20 wins and a GAA that is 7th in the league. Ville Ottavainen got an assist in the Krakens' last game to get his first NHL point.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Ben Meyers	F	56	23	28	51	0	0.911	0.911
33	* Jani Nyman	F	57	28	16	44	5	0.772	0.860
96	Logan Morrison	F	70	13	27	40	8	0.571	0.686
27	Ryan Winterton	F	55	18	19	37	11	0.673	0.873
58	Max Lajoie	D	69	4	33	37	13	0.536	0.725
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	67	7	29	36	4	0.537	0.597
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	67	15	20	35	7	0.522	0.627
11	Brandon Biro	F	55	6	28	34	-1	0.618	0.600

24	* Ty Nelson	D	70	6	24	30	16	0.429	0.657
15	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	38	7	19	26	11	0.684	0.974
91	x Daniel Sprong	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	52	6	12	18	5	0.346	0.442
10	Luke Henman	F	58	6	10	16	-2	0.276	0.241
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	49	3	13	16	-6	0.327	0.204
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	66	3	12	15	8	0.227	0.348
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	34	6	7	13	-2	0.382	0.324
63	Jacob Melanson	F	41	7	5	12	-3	0.293	0.220
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	x Charlie Wright	D	21	0	4	4	-3	0.190	0.048
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	5	1	1	2	1	0.400	0.600
2	x Jake McLaughlin	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
74	Carson Rehkopf	F	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	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
28	x Cade Borchardt	F	5	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.600
40	Victor Östman	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
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	189	249	438	37
Defense	30	141	171	42

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Head-to-Head: The Firebirds have won all 3 meetings against the Canucks this season. The Firebirds have had a strong showing against the Canucks since their existence with a 12-2-0-1 record. If the Canucks had lost on Wednesday in regulation, it would have made this game much more interesting. Regardless of the

current standings, both teams are in the playoffs and both are fighting for playoff positioning. These teams last saw each other back in January. The Firebirds got 4 goals in the first 5 minutes of the 3rd period to take the game. In fact, in the 3 games played, the Firebirds have scored 8 goals to the Canucks 0 in the 3rd period.

1st Period

Canucks controlled the period, and they got the first goal on a power play. Max Sasson got the puck near the face off dot and played a shot on net that snuck past Kakko.

2nd Period

There period was mostly pedestrian, but the Firebirds slowly tilted the ice back in their favor. They won the faceoffs and took advantage of taking control of the puck. With 4-minutes to go, the Firebirds held the O-zone, and a cross pass from Ty Nelson on the blue line found Jacob Melanson in the left faceoff dot. Jacob went five-hole on Artūrs Šilovs to tie the game.

3rd Period

The Canucks turn the tables this game. They scored 2 goals and capped the game with an empty net goal. Firebirds had chances, but could not put the puck away.

Post-Game

Maybe a jinx, but the Canucks finally scored in the 3rd period against the Firebirds. The faceoff circle is where the Canucks controlled the game and made the Firebirds chase. Canucks are off to play the Reign in the final game to determine second place. The Firebirds have clinched home ice in the first round. They will head to San Diego to play the final games against the Gulls. The key for the Firebirds is that they have all the players back on the roster, and tonight's game was a preview the potential playoff roster. The first playoff game for the Firebirds is Tuesday, and the opponent will either be the Wranglers or the Barracuda.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027599>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Canucks	Firebirds
Shots	26	30
PP	1 / 2	0 / 2
PIM	4	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	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Canucks	2	2	0		4
Firebirds	0	2	1		3

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

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Canucks	11	12	5		28
Firebirds	4	14	5		23

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

	Canucks			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	8	1	0	10	1	0
Neutral	5	0	0	4	0	0
Defense	12	0	2	7	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill