

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ABB Canucks

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Pre-Game

The post-Calder Cup year has not been kind to the Canucks. They have had 6 goalies in net, no player is double digits in goals, a goal differential of -44, and a team roster combined +/- of -228. They are dead last in the Pacific and ranked 30th in points in the AHL. The Vancouver Canucks are not doing well either and have started the process to course correct. They traded Quinn Hughes to Minnesota for 3 players and draft pick. The ripple effect has players being moved around the organization. As a result, the ABB Canucks have started a turnaround as they are on a 3-0-1-0 streak and are 5-3-1-1 in the last 10 games. They start a 4-game road trip against the Firebirds tonight.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
29	Ben Berard	LW	27	6	9	15	-13	0.556	0.074
88	Nils Åman	C	22	2	13	15	-8	0.682	0.318
59	Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	23	1	11	12	-8	0.522	0.174
45	* Sawyer Mynio	D	27	3	8	11	-13	0.407	-0.074
23	Jonathan Lekkerimäki	RW	9	6	4	10	-2	1.111	0.889
14	Joseph LaBate	C	23	6	4	10	-15	0.435	-0.217
21	Chase Wouters	C	26	4	5	9	-12	0.346	-0.115
20	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	17	6	2	8	-10	0.471	-0.118
39	Ty Mueller	C	22	3	5	8	-16	0.364	-0.364
46	* Vilmer Alriksson	LW	26	4	2	6	-18	0.231	-0.462
9	Danila Klimovich	RW	24	3	3	6	-15	0.250	-0.375
48	Jimmy Schuldt	D	27	1	5	6	-21	0.222	-0.556
17	Dino Kambeitz	RW	23	1	4	5	2	0.217	0.304
92	x Vitali Kravtsov	RW	10	1	3	4	-7	0.400	-0.300
90	Victor Mancini	D	13	1	3	4	-1	0.308	0.231
62	* Nick Poisson	C	12	2	1	3	0	0.250	0.250
3	* Joe Arntsen	D	25	1	2	3	-6	0.120	-0.120
52	x Arnaud Durandean	LW	19	0	3	3	-7	0.158	-0.211
63	x Max Sasson	C	2	2	0	2	2	1.000	2.000
13	Arshdeep Bains	LW	2	1	1	2	1	1.000	1.500
5	*x Tom Willander	D	5	1	1	2	-5	0.400	-0.600
8	* Phip Waugh	D	6	0	2	2	0	0.333	0.333
89	* Jackson Kunz	C	17	0	2	2	-4	0.118	-0.118
71	* Josh Bloom	LW	12	1	0	1	-7	0.083	-0.500
93	Cooper Walker	C	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000

53	*x Robby Drazner	D	2	0	1	1	-1	0.500	0.000
61	Chase Stillman	RW	6	0	1	1	-2	0.167	-0.167
60	Nikita Tolopilo	G	8	0	1	1	0	0.125	0.125
26	* Anri Ravinskis	LW	16	0	1	1	-9	0.063	-0.500
15	Jujhar Khaira	C	18	0	1	1	-6	0.056	-0.278
36	*x C.J. Kier	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
47	*x Jake Murray	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
25	x Elias Pettersson	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
75	*x Jonathan Lemieux	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
73	Lukas Reichel	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
6	*x Jayden Lee	D	3	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.667
4	Jett Woo	D	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
36	*x Aku Koskenvuo	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
85	*x Ty Young	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
56	x Derek Daschke	D	8	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.250
30	Jiří Patera	G	9	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
72	Nikolai Knyzhov	D	24	0	0	0	-17	0.000	-0.708

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	48	65	113	-146
Defense	8	34	42	-79

*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 Firebirds have been playing well in the month of December 5-2-1-0. The last two games against the Condors were not their best effort. The injury to J.R. Avon and recalls of Jocab Melanson and Ben Myers is requiring the rest of the group to step up. Jagger Firkus continues to lead the team in scoring, and he is in the top 10 in the AHL in points. Logan Morrison has been a study hand and a compliment to Firkus and Avon. Rookie defenseman Tyson Jugnauth is growing in his roll and has improved +/- from -10 to 0. Eduard Šalé is starting to find the back of the net. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard is coming into his own. Rookie defenseman Kaden Hammell is the +/- leader.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	26	13	15	28	9	1.077	1.423
96	Logan Morrison	F	26	13	11	24	9	0.923	1.269
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	26	4	17	21	0	0.808	0.808
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	24	6	9	15	-1	0.625	0.583
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	23	7	7	14	5	0.609	0.826

39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
15	John Hayden	F	21	7	4	11	0	0.524	0.524
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	23	4	7	11	-7	0.478	0.174
24	Ty Nelson	D	21	3	8	11	-1	0.524	0.476
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	21	4	4	8	11	0.381	0.905
29	Lleyton Roed	F	19	1	7	8	5	0.421	0.684
12	Eduard Šalé	F	13	3	4	7	-2	0.538	0.385
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	20	0	7	7	8	0.350	0.750
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	24	3	3	6	-7	0.250	-0.042
88	David Goyette	F	26	2	4	6	-1	0.231	0.192
4	* Caden Price	D	26	0	6	6	5	0.231	0.423
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	18	1	4	5	-6	0.278	-0.056
68	Jakov Novak	F	10	1	2	3	-2	0.300	0.100
21	Ian McKinnon	F	20	1	2	3	-1	0.150	0.100
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	4	1	1	2	-1	0.500	0.250
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333
35	Nikke Kokko	G	18	0	2	2	0	0.111	0.111
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	20	0	2	2	-1	0.100	0.050
40	* Victor Östman	G	11	0	1	1	0	0.091	0.091
9	x Justin Janicke	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
34	x Jackson Berezowski	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
50	Charlie Wright	D	19	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.158

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	76	90	166	10
Defense	13	52	65	15

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Head-to-Head

Historically, the Firebirds have dominated the Canucks, 15-3-0-1. The Firebirds are 3-0-0 to the Canucks 0-2-1-0 this season. The last two games in Abbotsford were one goal wins for the Firebirds. On paper, the Firebirds should come out on top, but a desperate team for points is a dangerous one. With the roster changes, the Canucks might be looking to make a late run on the season. Tonight, will be the 4th meeting between these two teams. They will play another game in January before playing the final 3 games of the 8 games series in April.

1st Period

A fast pace to start the period. The Firebirds had the ice tilted their way. They had good O-zone time for the first 9-minutes, but a rush up the ice produced the first goal. Eduard Sale held the puck in with a shot that bounce to the corner. David Goyeyye trackdown the puck and passed it over to Mitchell Stephens in the slot, Mitchell shot passed Nikita Tolopio for the first goal of the game. The Canucks titled the ice their way for the majority of the back half of the period. Firebirds had a couple of defensive breakdowns, but a lucky post and Kokko strong in net kept them off the board.

2nd Period

Outside of a penalty early in the period, the Canucks controlled the pace of play. At 15:56, the Firebirds couldn't get the defensive players off the ice, which led to a breakdown. Ben Berad got the puck in the slot from Nils Aman, and shot the puck past a falling Kokko. The Firebirds got one back late in the period. Ian McKinnon looked to be brought down by Canuck, but no penalty called. A good forecheck by Andrei Loshko aloud McKinnon to get back up and steal the puck. McKinnon passed back to Loshko who sniped one past Tolopilo.

3rd Period

Both teams played very evenly to start the period, and then the penalties started piling up for both sides. After the last Firebirds penalty, the Canucks tied the game with a fumble behind the net that Ben Berard put home. Rather than holding off the Canucks, the Firebirds were put on their heels to get a point in the game. A little more of a challenge came less then two minutes to play when the puck couldn't get out of the zone, and the Firebirds were called on a penalty. Canucks had a couple of good shots and wone at the buzzer that Kokko had to stopped. The Firebirds survived.

OT

The Firebirds started on a 4 on 3 penalty kill. They won the face off and then killed the penalty. It was 4 on 4 for a while, until the Canucks went offside. The traditional 3 on 3 kicked in. Again, the Firebirds won the face off. After a line change, Gustav Olofsson entered the O-zone and dropped the puck to Jagger Firkus. Firkus passed off to Logan Morrison and both went to attack the net. Morrison decided to shoot and shot it over the Tolopilo's blocker shoulder into the top corner for the game winning goal.

Post-Game

It was not a pretty win for the Firebirds, but they go the 2 points. The Canucks had most of the play and credit to them for getting a point out of the game. The Firebirds looked a little sluggish after the break. Kokko was the main reason the Canucks didn't score more. The Firebirds remain in the middle of the pack; 5 points from first place and 5 points ahead of the last playoff spot. Tomorrow, the Firebirds will be in Henderson to take on the Silver Knights. The Canucks head over to San Deigo to take on the Gulls.

Note: This is the first game in memory were two teams won the face off battle in their respective attack zones at even strength.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028213>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Canucks	Firebirds
Shots	36	28
PP	0 / 3	0 / 3
PIM	6	6
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
Canucks	1	1	2	0	4
Firebirds	3	2	6	0	11

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

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Canucks	10	8	9	0	27
Firebirds	10	5	12	2	30

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

	Canucks			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	15	1	0	10	2	0
Neutral	7	1	0	8	0	0
Defense	2	0	1	9	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill

Interesting Firebirds stats so far:

- 4 games in row (12 periods) that the team never trailed in regulation.
- 2 different Firebirds got a hat-trick on back-to-back nights: Jagger Firkus (vs. BAK 11/15/25) and Jacob Melanson (vs ABB 11/16/25)
- Two goalies have an assist in the season. Kokko has 2 assists.
- The line of J.R., Avon, Logan Morrison, and Jagger Firkus scored at least one goal 9 games in a row (11/7/25-11/28/25).
- Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5 – 0 11/28/25).

- 12 games streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25 – 12/6/25).