

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ABB Canucks

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Pre-Game

The defending Calder Cup Champions are not close to the team last year. They have had moments this season, but not many. They are in last place in the Pacific and 10 points out of a playoff spot. The roster has a combined +/- of -265, and a goal differential of -50. The penalty kill is the worst in the league, and no individual player is standout this season. The power play is the only positive, which is in the top 6 in the AHL. The NHL affiliate Vancouver Canucks are last place in the whole NHL this season. The organization is not doing well.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
88	Nils Åman	C	29	3	18	21	-5	0.724	0.552
29	Ben Berard	LW	35	9	10	19	-15	0.543	0.114
21	Chase Wouters	C	36	8	5	13	-18	0.361	-0.139
39	Ty Mueller	C	32	5	8	13	-20	0.406	-0.219
45	* Sawyer Mynio	D	31	3	10	13	-14	0.419	-0.032
59	Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	28	1	12	13	-11	0.464	0.071
23	Jonathan Lekkerimäki	RW	11	7	5	12	-1	1.091	1.000
9	Danila Klimovich	RW	29	4	7	11	-14	0.379	-0.103
14	Joseph LaBate	C	23	6	4	10	-15	0.435	-0.217
20	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	21	6	2	8	-9	0.381	-0.048
46	* Vilmer Alriksson	LW	36	4	3	7	-26	0.194	-0.528
48	Jimmy Schuldt	D	37	1	6	7	-15	0.189	-0.216
13	x Arshdeep Bains	LW	5	3	3	6	4	1.200	2.000
90	x Victor Mancini	D	20	1	5	6	-4	0.300	0.100
17	Dino Kambeitz	RW	31	1	5	6	0	0.194	0.194
62	* Nick Poisson	C	18	3	2	5	-2	0.278	0.167
73	Lukas Reichel	C	11	2	3	5	-2	0.455	0.273
93	Cooper Walker	C	11	2	2	4	2	0.364	0.545
15	Jujhar Khaira	C	25	2	2	4	-7	0.160	-0.120
92	x Vitali Kravtsov	RW	10	1	3	4	-7	0.400	-0.300
3	* Joe Arntsen	D	35	1	3	4	-15	0.114	-0.314
26	* Anri Ravinskis	LW	23	2	1	3	-9	0.130	-0.261
4	Jett Woo	D	13	0	3	3	-8	0.231	-0.385
52	x Arnaud Durandau	LW	19	0	3	3	-7	0.158	-0.211
89	* Jackson Kunz	C	22	0	3	3	-7	0.136	-0.182
63	x Max Sasson	C	2	2	0	2	2	1.000	2.000

5	*x Tom Willander	D	5	1	1	2	-5	0.400	-0.600
8	*x Phip Waugh	D	11	0	2	2	1	0.182	0.273
71	* Josh Bloom	LW	17	1	0	1	-12	0.059	-0.647
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
56	Derek Daschke	D	10	0	1	1	0	0.100	0.100
60	x Nikita Tolopilo	G	11	0	1	1	0	0.091	0.091
72	Nikolai Knyzhov	D	30	0	1	1	-20	0.033	-0.633
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
75	*x Jonathan Lemieux	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
42	*x Zach Okabe	C	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
6	*x Jayden Lee	D	3	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.667
25	Elias Pettersson	D	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
36	* Aku Koskenvuo	G	6	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
85	*x Ty Young	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Jiří Patera	G	16	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	71	90	161	-170
Defense	8	45	53	-95

*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 are on a 4-game winning streak as they appeared to have shaken off the poor play to start the new year. The Firebirds maintain their standing in the Pacific division. They beat the Gulls last night 4-0, which is the second shutout of Gulls in San Diego this year. A little pay pack from the opening night loss. The challenge will be winning a 2nd game on back-to-back nights. Jani Nyman has been a factor with 7 goals in 8 games since his return, but most important, offensive contributions are coming from everyone on the team. The biggest issue this season has been the defense and puck handling in the defensive zone.

The Kraken have found their stride again as well, and they are back in the hunt for the top spot in the NHL Pacific. The Kansas City Mavericks are on an 11-0-0-0 streak and they have taken control of first place in the Mountain division. They are 6 points ahead of the 2nd place team with games in hand.

One final note: Jagger Firkus and Tyson Jugnauth were named to the 2026 AHL All Start game.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	36	14	21	35	8	0.972	1.194
96	Logan Morrison	F	36	18	16	34	10	0.944	1.222

43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	36	5	23	28	3	0.778	0.861
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	33	7	13	20	-3	0.606	0.515
15	John Hayden	F	31	9	6	15	0	0.484	0.484
63	Jacob Melanson	F	24	7	8	15	6	0.625	0.875
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
24	Ty Nelson	D	31	4	10	14	1	0.452	0.484
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	33	6	7	13	-8	0.394	0.152
12	Eduard Šalé	F	23	5	8	13	0	0.565	0.565
29	Lleyton Roed	F	29	3	9	12	6	0.414	0.621
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	30	1	9	10	8	0.333	0.600
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	34	5	4	9	-7	0.265	0.059
4	* Caden Price	D	35	2	7	9	3	0.257	0.343
88	David Goyette	F	36	2	7	9	1	0.250	0.278
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	13	1	8	9	4	0.692	1.000
33	Jani Nyman	F	8	7	1	8	1	1.000	1.125
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	26	4	4	8	14	0.308	0.846
21	Ian McKinnon	F	30	4	4	8	3	0.267	0.367
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	28	2	5	7	2	0.250	0.321
68	Jakov Novak	F	14	2	4	6	1	0.429	0.500
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	24	1	5	6	-6	0.250	0.000
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333
35	Nikke Kokko	G	23	0	2	2	0	0.087	0.087
40	* Victor Östman	G	16	0	1	1	0	0.063	0.063
9	x Justin Janicke	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
45	Jack LaFontaine	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
34	x Jackson Berezowski	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
50	x Charlie Wright	D	20	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.150

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	106	126	232	23
Defense	18	71	89	26

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Head-to-Head

The Firebirds have won all 4 games against the Canucks this season. The Firebirds played last night, and they are 3-6-1-0 in the second game on back-to-back nights. The game was physical so we will see how that effects tonight's game. A Firebirds win will let them leap frog over the idle Barracuda into 4th place. For the Canucks, this the final game of the 3-game road trip in which they will want to finish strong. They split 2 games with the Gulls this week. A team looking for points and a day of rest will be a good test for the Firebirds. This will be the last time the teams will face each other until April.

1st Period

The Canucks took earlier control of the play, but the Firebirds got some push back and the only goals in the period. A Canucks high sticking penalty resulted in the first goal. Ty Nelson passed the puck down to the goal line where Mitchell Stephens was setup. Mitchell waited as John Hadn got open in the paint and made a pass that John was able to put home. Firebirds killed off a penalty over thier own in the middle of the period. At 18:00, the Canucks were called for their second penalty, and the Firebirds scored within 4 seconds Logan Morrison score from with the faceoff circle.

2nd Period

No scoring in the period. The Canucks had most of the O-zone time. They were able to recover pucks and keep it in the zone. The Canucks had the Firebirds trapped on the ice on the first power play, but could score. The rest of the way, the refs let some penalties go, until the end of the period. Canucks will be on the power lay to start the period.

3rd Period

The Canucks started controlling the period, but once the Firebirds got the puck, they scored the 3rd goal. A defensive breakdown Jani Nyman was able to find Logan Morrison in the slot. Logan was able to bury the puck. The Canucks never really generated much chances the rest of the way. They had shots, but nothing grade A. Jack LaFontaine stood tall in net. The Firebirds clamped down in net and played a strong defensive game.

Post-Game

The Firebirds win another shutout, and this time it was on back-to-back nights, which is a first in Firebirds history. 128 minutes without letting the other team score a goal. The win moves them to 4th place in the Pacific. They are now 4-6-1-0 on the 2nd game of back-to-backs. Logan Morrison has now scored 20 goals this season, which is a first in his career. He and Jagger Firkus are in the AHL top 15 points leaders. Most import; multiple players got on the score sheet. The Firebirds continue the home stand and play against the Barracuda on Wednesday.

Although they had the most O-zone time and 3 power plays, the Canucks couldn't generate any scoring. They played competitively, but the penalty kill let them down. They head home for 4 games. Two against Laval Rocket and 2 against the Gulls.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028364>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Canucks	Firebirds
Shots	27	27
PP	0 / 3	2 / 2
PIM	6	8
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	0	0	3		3
Firebirds	1	1	0		2

Offsides	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Canucks	1	2	3		6
Firebirds	1	0	1		2

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Canucks	10	6	9		25
Firebirds	11	9	5		25

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

	Canucks			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	5	2	0	10	2	0
Neutral	8	3	0	5	0	1
Defense	7	0	0	6	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 – first time since inaugural 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).
- Goalie shutouts:
 - Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5–0 11/28/2025).

- Victor Östman got his second regular season shutout (vs. Gulls 4-0 1/17/2026)
- 12 games streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25 – 12/6/25).
- 4-6-1-0 in the 2nd game on back-to-back nights.
- 5-5-0-0 when playing a team back-to-back with day(s) off in-between.
- 128 minutes in a row without letting the other team score a goal. (Tex 2/14/26, SD 1/17/26, ABB 1/18/26)