

GAME REPORT

Home: ONT Reign vs. Away: SJ Barracuda

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Calder Cup Round 1 Game 1

Pre-Game

Barracuda: The Sharks are in a rebuild, and this season they were referred as the baby sharks. The Barracuda have a mix of young and old to help create a future Sharks roster that can made a deep playoff run. The veteran Andrew Poturalski has been the bright spot on the team as he won the AHL points total, but he had been out for a while. News reports is that he is skating with the team and hope to be back for the playoffs. The Barracuda have had a rotation of the net minders: Yaroslav Askarov, Gabriel Carriere, and Georgi Romanov, who have won at least 10 games each. The big stat for the Barracuda is their power play, which tops the AHL at 24%. The counter stat is a negative +/- for both forwards and defense, which explains late season decline. With players set to return, they can be a formidable opponent.

Regular season stats:

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
22	Andrew Poturalski	F	59	30	43	73	6	1.237	1.339
42	* Luca Cagnoni	D	64	16	36	52	-7	0.813	0.703
75	Danil Gushchin	F	56	28	23	51	-13	0.911	0.679
56	Ethan Cardwell	F	63	11	37	48	13	0.762	0.968
77	Pavol Regenda	LW	72	13	28	41	-17	0.569	0.333
17	x Thomas Bordeleau	F	59	14	24	38	-3	0.644	0.593
51	* Collin Graf	F	40	8	27	35	10	0.875	1.125
18	* Filip Bystedt	F	50	12	19	31	4	0.620	0.700
55	Walker Duehr	RW	36	16	12	28	-1	0.778	0.750
16	Colin White	C	48	12	13	25	-4	0.521	0.438
49	Scott Sabourin	F	68	10	15	25	-14	0.368	0.162
83	* Donovan Houle	F	64	10	14	24	-5	0.375	0.297
36	Lucas Carlsson	D	45	10	13	23	-1	0.511	0.489
59	Jimmy Schuldt	D	64	6	15	21	22	0.328	0.672
76	Anthony Vincent	F	68	10	9	19	7	0.279	0.382
52	x Tristen Robins	C	41	7	11	18	-12	0.439	0.146
67	* Lucas Vanroboys	F	69	11	5	16	6	0.232	0.319
90	x Justin Bailey	F	33	7	7	14	-6	0.424	0.242
26	x Jack Thompson	D	27	3	11	14	-2	0.519	0.444
90	x Rem Pitlick	F	18	2	11	13	-7	0.722	0.333
41	Carl Berglund	C	47	2	10	12	0	0.255	0.255

54	Patrick Giles	F	47	9	2	11	6	0.234	0.362
79	Ethan Frisch	D	63	3	8	11	-1	0.175	0.159
63	x Zack Ostapchuk	C	15	2	9	11	8	0.733	1.267
94	Joey Keane	D	38	2	9	11	-10	0.289	0.026
86	* Braden Haché	D	32	3	7	10	10	0.313	0.625
70	Brandon Coe	F	30	3	6	9	0	0.300	0.300
85	Shakir Mukhamadullin	D	21	0	9	9	-6	0.429	0.143
61	* Jake Furlong	D	66	1	7	8	-14	0.121	-0.091
14	*x Kasper Halttunen	F	6	2	2	4	0	0.667	0.667
35	Gabriel Carriere	G	22	0	3	3	0	0.136	0.136
57	*x Luke Grainger	F	7	1	0	1	-1	0.143	0.000
58	*x Mitchell Russell	F	10	1	0	1	0	0.100	0.100
24	* Igor Chernyshov	F	2	0	1	1	2	0.500	1.500
77	x Valteri Pulli	D	2	0	1	1	3	0.500	2.000
92	* John Gormley	D	7	0	1	1	-1	0.143	0.000
30	Yaroslav Askarov	G	22	0	1	1	0	0.045	0.045
93	* Noah Beck	D	1	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-3.000
41	x Vitek Vanecek	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
47	* Axel Landén	D	2	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.500
13	* Quentin Musty	F	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
60	Jeremie Bucheler	D	8	0	0	0	-4	0.000	-0.500
32	Aaron Dell	G	10	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
31	x Georgi Romanov	G	21	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	221	328	549	-21
Defense	44	117	161	-13

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.

Reign: The Kings had another successful season that has them poised for another deep playoff run. The Kings made call ups from the Reign that had some effect, but the Reign had a strong final few months to finish 3rd in the Pacific. Charles Hudon and Glenn Gawdin lead the team in scoring. Jeff Malott who has played well all season is on the Kings playoff roster. The news gets better, Taylor Ward got his first NHL goal in the Kings last game of the season. Pheonix Copley has been solid in net with a top 15 GAA in the AHL. From the stats perspective, the Reign have a good defensive core, but they heavily lean on their top forwards to score.

Regular season stats:

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
54	Charles Hudon	F	67	20	44	64	15	0.955	1.179
21	Glenn Gawdin	F	72	26	36	62	23	0.861	1.181
39	x Jeff Malott	LW	61	23	28	51	17	0.836	1.115
11	Samuel Fagemo	F	67	29	17	46	-13	0.687	0.493
53	Jack Studnicka	F	72	16	29	45	4	0.625	0.681
8	Martin Chromiak	F	69	18	21	39	-6	0.565	0.478
2	Reilly Walsh	D	70	6	26	32	-11	0.457	0.300
73	Francesco Pinelli	F	70	15	14	29	-8	0.414	0.300
34	Taylor Ward	F	66	12	15	27	6	0.409	0.500
27	Joe Hicketts	D	62	3	24	27	8	0.435	0.565
10	x Tyler Madden	F	47	8	17	25	-3	0.532	0.468
82	Caleb Jones	D	44	2	19	21	6	0.477	0.614
26	Andre Lee	F	48	6	14	20	-1	0.417	0.396
3	Joseph Cecconi	D	74	2	15	17	5	0.230	0.297
83	Shawn Element	F	64	9	5	14	-6	0.219	0.125
24	* Angus Booth	D	50	2	11	13	6	0.260	0.380
45	Jack Millar	D	62	0	12	12	19	0.194	0.500
86	* Aatu Jansen	F	36	7	4	11	-8	0.306	0.083
5	Luke Rowe	D	47	3	7	10	19	0.213	0.617
37	Jacob Doty	F	50	3	6	9	-7	0.180	0.040
22	* Kaleb Lawrence	F	25	6	2	8	-3	0.320	0.200
25	x Samuel Helenius	F	20	2	4	6	-2	0.300	0.200
55	* Jakub Dvořák	D	46	0	4	4	-8	0.087	-0.087
9	Cole Krygier	D	14	1	2	3	-3	0.214	0.000
44	x Arthur Kaliyev	F	5	1	1	2	-2	0.400	0.000
43	x Jacob Moverare	D	11	0	2	2	8	0.182	0.909
10	* Otto Salin	D	3	0	1	1	-1	0.333	0.000
78	* Jared Wright	F	3	0	1	1	-1	0.333	0.000
51	* Quinn Olson	F	6	0	1	1	2	0.167	0.500
35	x Dryden McKay	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
95	*x John Parker-Jones	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
70	* Carter George	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
63	*x Dru Krebs	D	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500

13	* Koehn Ziemmer	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
68	Jacob Ingham	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
12	Tate Singleton	RW	10	0	0	0	-7	0.000	-0.700
1	Erik Portillo	G	24	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
29	Pheonix Copley	G	42	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	201	259	460	-2
Defense	19	123	142	47

*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.*

Head-to-Head: The Reign hold the season record with 5-3-0-0 to Barracuda's 3-4-0-1 record. These teams have not faced each other in the playoffs in the past 5 seasons. The Reign will have home ice advantage in the best of three series. The Barracuda have scored more goals than the Reign, but they have also given up more goals. With the Barracuda's potent power play, this series will come down to the special teams. The game will be held at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles as the Reign's regular home ice, Toyota Arena, is not available due to scheduling. Crypto.com is the home for the Los Angeles Kings. The Kings played the Oilers in round 1, game two of their Stanley Cup Final last night.

1st Period

Either nerves or a lack of energy, neither team could get anything going in the period. There were a lot of stop-and-start of play. Barracuda won the faceoff dot, but it didn't translate into sustained attack. A couple of breakaways for both teams, but the shots on goal were not threatening.

2nd Period

Reign started the period on the power play, but the Barracuda almost got the first goal of the game on a fumble. The rest of the period was pedestrian. Neither team created any real grade A scoring chances. Towards the end of the period, the Reign got a breakaway, but the Reign player didn't fake at all and missed the net. Still no scoring.

3rd Period

The slog between both teams continued. Several posts were rung, but no goals until 7:20. The Barracuda were able to get in the zone and move the puck around. Ethan Frisch fired a shot at the net. Pavol Regenda was screening out Copley and was able to get a tip on it to go into the net. The Barracuda had a little jump in their step after that point. Almost a minute later on the power play, Colin White had a nice breakaway, but had to wait for some help. Colin made a beautiful pass to Filip Bystedt on the other side of the ice. Filip's slap shot got past Copley who couldn't get over on time. There was almost a 3rd goal for the

Barracuda. A player got a breakaway to the empty net, but Joe Hicketts was called for tripping. At first the referee signals a goal for the interference, but after a conference, they took the goal off and just gave the penalty.

Post-Game

Neither team played very well. The shots on goal were easy for either goalie to pick and block. Playing in an NHL arena, small crowd of 1223, and first playoff game nerves can explain the lack of performance. Barracuda won the faceoff dot by 60% and controlled the rhythm of the play, which allowed them to turn the game in their favor. A positive for the Reign is that they held down the Barracuda power play by only giving up 1 goal in 6 tries. Game two will also be held at Crypto.com Arena on Saturday. The Reign have been known to bounce back so expect to see a more prepared group. If the Reign take care of business on Saturday, the deciding game will be back in familiar turf of Toyota Arena in Ontario on Monday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Barracuda	0	0	2		2
Reign	0	0	0		0

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027693>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Barracuda	Reign
Shots	25	17
PP	1 / 6	0 / 5
PIM	10	14
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
Barracuda	3	1	1		5
Reign	4	2	2		8

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Barracuda	1	1	1		3
Reign	1	2	0		3

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Barracuda	17	13	10		40
Reign	8	6	11		25

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

	Barracuda			Reign		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	10	8	1	6	1	1
Neutral	4	1	0	7	1	0
Defense	13	1	2	8	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill