

GAME REPORT

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Calder Cup Round 2 Game 1

Pre-Game

The Canucks made a strong late season push to get second place in the pacific division. The home ice advantage was needed as the Canucks needed 3 all three games to get past the Roadrunners in Round 1. Artūrs Šilovs played all 3 games in net for the Canucks. The Roadrunners were 4 for 16 on the power play where the Roadrunners were 0 for 11. Sammy Blais was key to the power play attack with 3 goals.

Playoff stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
79	Sammy Blais	LW	3	3	1	4	-2	1.333	0.667
13	Arshdeep Bains	LW	3	0	4	4	0	1.333	1.333
94	Linus Karlsson	RW	3	2	1	3	-2	1.000	0.333
84	Tristen Nielsen	LW	3	2	1	3	-1	1.000	0.667
63	Max Sasson	C	3	1	2	3	0	1.000	1.000
34	Phillip Di Giuseppe	LW	3	1	1	2	0	0.667	0.667
21	Chase Wouters	C	3	1	1	2	-1	0.667	0.333
54	Aatu Rätty	C	3	0	2	2	0	0.667	0.667
83	Nate Smith	C	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000
59	* Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	2	0	1	1	1	0.500	1.000
55	Guillaume Brisebois	D	3	0	1	1	-1	0.333	0.000
90	* Victor Mancini	D	3	0	1	1	-3	0.333	-0.667
39	* Ty Mueller	C	3	0	1	1	0	0.333	0.333
4	Jett Woo	D	3	0	1	1	2	0.333	1.000
23	* Jonathan Lekkerimäki	RW	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
48	Cole McWard	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
86	Christian Wolanin	D	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
41	Akito Hirose	D	3	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.667
15	Jujhar Khaira	C	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
18	Danila Klimovich	RW	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
31	Artūrs Šilovs	G	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	10	15	25	-7
Defense	0	4	4	0

Regular season stats:

No.	Player	POS.	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
13	Arshdeep Bains	L	50	11	32	43	10	0.86	1.06
54	Aatu Raty	C	43	17	23	40	9	0.930	1.140
79	Sammy Blais	L	51	14	26	40	8	0.784	0.941
86	Christian Wolanin	D	58	4	36	40	4	0.690	0.759
94	x Linus Karlsson	C	32	23	16	39	13	1.219	1.625
39	*x Ty Mueller	C	64	12	27	39	15	0.609	0.844
18	Danila Klimovich	R	65	25	13	38	5	0.585	0.662
63	x Max Sasson	C	41	13	19	32	-7	0.780	0.610
88	x Nils Aman	C	36	7	23	30	6	0.833	1.000
23	*Jonathan Lekkerimaki	R	36	19	9	28	-3	0.778	0.694
84	Tristen Nielsen	C	67	15	13	28	-11	0.418	0.254
21	Chase Wouters	C	72	10	18	28	1	0.389	0.403
83	Nathan Smith	C	60	9	17	26	-5	0.433	0.350
48	Cole McWard	D	67	6	20	26	10	0.388	0.537
59	*x Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	65	5	21	26	18	0.400	0.677
4	Jett Woo	D	67	2	16	18	14	0.269	0.478
14	John Stevens	C	45	4	11	15	4	0.333	0.422
17	Dino Kambeitz	R	52	10	4	14	3	0.269	0.327
25	*x Elias Pettersson	D	38	1	12	13	7	0.342	0.526
41	Akito Hirose	D	34	4	8	12	4	0.353	0.471
26	x Erik Brannstrom 1	D	8	2	10	12	11	1.500	2.875
91	Cooper Walker	C	34	5	5	10	7	0.294	0.500
61	Ty Glover	C	37	4	6	10	6	0.270	0.432
34	Phil Di Giuseppe	L	22	4	5	9	2	0.409	0.500
15	Jujhar Khaira 2	L	17	3	5	8	4	0.471	0.706
56	x Carsen Twarynski 3	L	26	2	5	7	-1	0.269	0.231
51	x Mark Friedman 4	D	20	1	5	6	4	0.300	0.500
55	Guillaume Brisebois	D	48	2	3	5	3	0.104	0.167
90	x Victor Mancini 5	D	7	1	2	3	3	0.429	0.857
29	x Ben Berard	L	4	2	0	2	1	0.500	0.750
31	Arturs Silovs	G	21	0	2	2	0	0.095	0.095
3	*Joe Arntsen	D	10	1	0	1	-2	0.100	-0.100
89	*Jackson Kunz	L	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000

71	x Josh Bloom	L	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
5	x Layton Ahac	D	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
30	Jiri 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	36	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	209	279	488	68
Defense	29	133	162	74

*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 swept the Wranglers in 2 games. Technically, it was 2 2/3 games as the first game went to triple overtime. The veterans are scoring the goals so far. Mitchell Stephens was the hero in the first two games with 2 game winning goals. In typical Firebird fashion, the key to success was that multiple players got on the score sheet. Long overdue, Nikke Kokko got his first shutout in the AHL. He came close in the regular season, but there was always one goal that slipped by. The Firebirds were 0 for 8 on the power play, but they were 6 for 6 on the penalty kill.

Playoff stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	2	3	0	3	2	1.500	2.500
15	John Hayden	F	2	2	0	2	1	1.000	1.500
11	Brandon Biro	F	2	1	0	1	2	0.500	1.500
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	2	0	1	1	2	0.500	1.500
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	2	0	1	1	1	0.500	1.000
88	* David Goyette	F	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
63	Jacob Melanson	F	2	0	1	1	1	0.500	1.000
39	Ben Meyers	F	2	0	1	1	2	0.500	1.500
96	Logan Morrison	F	2	0	1	1	-1	0.500	0.000
33	* Jani Nyman	F	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	2	0	1	1	2	0.500	1.500
90	Nathan Villeneuve	F	2	0	1	1	1	0.500	1.000
21	Ian McKinnon	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
62	Tucker Robertson	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
8	Cale Fleury	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

10	Luke Henman	F	2	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.500
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
58	Max Lajoie	D	2	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.500
24	* Ty Nelson	D	2	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.500
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	6	7	13	10
Defense	0	2	2	6

Regular season stats:

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
39	Ben Meyers	F	57	23	28	51	-2	0.895	0.860
33	* Jani Nyman	F	58	28	16	44	3	0.759	0.810
96	Logan Morrison	F	72	14	28	42	8	0.583	0.694
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	69	7	31	38	3	0.551	0.594
58	Max Lajoie	D	70	4	34	38	13	0.543	0.729
27	Ryan Winterton	F	56	18	19	37	11	0.661	0.857
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	69	15	21	36	8	0.522	0.638
11	Brandon Biro	F	56	6	28	34	-2	0.607	0.571
24	* Ty Nelson	D	72	6	26	32	17	0.444	0.681
15	John Hayden	F	44	11	16	27	-2	0.614	0.568
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	56	13	13	26	8	0.464	0.607
8	Cale Fleury	D	39	7	19	26	10	0.667	0.923
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	54	6	12	18	5	0.333	0.426
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	51	3	14	17	-6	0.333	0.216
10	Luke Henman	F	59	6	10	16	-3	0.271	0.220
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	68	3	12	15	7	0.221	0.324
63	Jacob Melanson	F	42	8	5	13	-3	0.310	0.238
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	35	6	7	13	-2	0.371	0.314
21	Ian McKinnon	F	53	6	5	11	0	0.208	0.208
62	Tucker Robertson	F	38	4	5	9	-5	0.237	0.105
20	Ryan Jones	D	41	0	7	7	-2	0.171	0.122
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	*x Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	7	2	1	3	-1	0.429	0.286
70	Andrei Loshko	F	1	2	0	2	1	2.000	3.000
68	Justin Janicke	F	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000
90	Nathan Villeneuve	F	5	0	1	1	2	0.200	0.600
52	* Jakub Fibigr	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
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
74	Carson Rehkopf	F	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
28	x Cade Borchart	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	26	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	33	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	194	253	447	27
Defense	30	147	177	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.*

Head-to-Head: The AHL rules require teams to play 2 teams outside of their division for 4 games each. As a result, the Firebirds and Canucks only played 4 games head-to-head this season. Firebirds record was 3-1. They have never met in the playoffs. The Canucks are on a 10-game road winning streak, which was part of the push to the playoffs. On paper, the Canucks have slight edge based on regular season stats, but the regular season doesn't mean much in the playoffs. Expect these teams to put on a good show. The first 2-games will be in Coachella Valley with the last 3 in Abbotsford.

1st Period

There was no waiting to see some scoring. In the first minute and a half, the Firebirds on a rush. Brandon Biro found and open Ryan Winterton. Ryan put the puck past Artūrs Šilovs to take the 1-0 lead. The game continued with a strong checking by each team. The Canucks tied the score with some physical play. On the rush in to the zone, Linus Karlson put a Firebird into the back wall. The puck scooted out and back to Linus behind the net who found Jett Woo in the slot for an easy goal. The Firebirds bench thought a penalty should have been called, but the refs thought otherwise. A minute later, Kokko misplayed the puck that found Ty Muller in the corner and one pass to Danila Klimovich tipped it past Kokko scrambling to get back in the net. The crowd was not happy. 8 minutes later, the Canucks added to the fans displeasure. Guillaume Brisebois tipped a puck past Kokko on a rush up the ice.

2nd Period

Another hard checking period. Both teams had chances, but no scoring.

3rd Period

Firebirds tilted the ice. They had a power play and then pulled the Kokko with 4 minutes to play. Firebirds couldn't get a goal. The Canucks couldn't get anything going either as the Firebirds shut them down.

Post-Game

The Canucks were a little better skating and tape-to-tape passes were cleaner. The Firebirds went flat footed for 10 minutes in the 1st period and it costed them 3 goals. The Firebirds outplayed the Canucks in the last two periods. A lesson learned for the Firebirds. The Canucks have now won 11 in a row on the road. Like last year's playoffs, the Firebirds need to get the power play going. Game 2 on Saturday.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027709>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Canucks	Firebirds
Shots	28	30
PP	0 / 2	0 / 2
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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Canucks	0	1	4	5
Firebirds	3	1	1	5

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

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Canucks	9	11	11	31
Firebirds	11	8	11	30

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

Zone	Canucks			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	7	1	0	10	4	0
Neutral	5	1	0	6	0	0
Defense	13	1	3	7	0	3

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill