

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SD Gulls

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Pre-Game

The Gulls are off to a better start this season. Matthew Phillips, Justin Bailey, and rookie Tim Washe leads the team in offense. Goalie Ville Husso has 3 shutouts, which is tied for the tops in the AHL. As a result of the shutouts, the Gulls have the second-best goal differential in the Pacific division at +9. The Gulls made a gallant comeback to force overtime on Wednesday, but lost to the Barracuda in the extra period. The point puts the Gulls in the middle of a packed Pacific division. The Gulls come to Coachella Valley to start an away-home-away-home stretch into the holiday week.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
18	Matthew Phillips	RW	14	3	13	16	-1	1.143	1.071
10	* Tim Washe	C	14	7	7	14	4	1.000	1.286
16	Sasha Pastujov	RW	14	4	8	12	2	0.857	1.000
19	Yegor Sidorov	RW	14	4	7	11	-3	0.786	0.571
28	Judd Caulfield	RW	14	7	3	10	4	0.714	1.000
22	Ryan Carpenter	C	14	3	6	9	0	0.643	0.643
11	Jan Myšák	C	14	2	7	9	4	0.643	0.929
12	Justin Bailey	RW	14	8	0	8	6	0.571	1.000
15	Nikolas Brouillard	D	14	1	6	7	4	0.500	0.786
37	Roland McKeown	D	14	1	6	7	6	0.500	0.929
6	Tristan Luneau	D	14	2	3	5	-2	0.357	0.214
21	Nico Myatovic	LW	14	2	3	5	6	0.357	0.786
7	* Stian Solberg	D	14	1	4	5	1	0.357	0.429
2	Noah Warren	D	14	1	3	4	6	0.286	0.714
29	Sam Colangelo	F	3	2	0	2	1	0.667	1.000
17	Nathan Gaucher	C	9	1	1	2	0	0.222	0.222
5	Tyson Hinds	D	10	0	2	2	3	0.200	0.500
24	Travis Howe	RW	10	0	1	1	0	0.100	0.100
25	Cal Burke	C	13	0	1	1	-1	0.077	0.000
4	*x Ian Moore	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
36	*x Drew Elliott	LW	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
31	Calle Clang	G	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
39	*x Owen Lindmark	C	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
38	* Konnor Smith	D	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
34	Ville Husso	G	12	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	43	57	100	21
Defense	6	24	30	18

*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.*

Jagger Firkus was named the player of the week for his hat-trick against the Condors and another goal against the Canucks. He has pushed to tie the top of the AHL points lead. Victor Ostman and Nikke Kokko both got assists last week, which is the first time that two Firebirds goalies got a point in the seasons since the inaugural season. Besides Jagger Firkus, Jacob Melanson got a hat-trick against the Canucks the following night. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard was called up the Kraken to play his first game in the NHL last night, and he got his first point on an assist to Tye Kartye's goal. That goal sparked a 3rd period come back by the Kraken. As for team statistics, the Firebirds are making steady progress in their team development. The team's +/- numbers have improved over the past few weeks.

Before the game, the Firebirds had the annual tree lighting ceremony to kick off the holiday season.



No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	14	8	10	18	0	1.286	1.286
96	Logan Morrison	F	14	8	5	13	0	0.929	0.929
63	Jacob Melanson	F	14	6	4	10	4	0.714	1.000
10	J.R. Avon	F	13	3	7	10	2	0.769	0.923
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	13	3	7	10	0	0.769	0.769
78	x Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	14	3	7	10	-3	0.714	0.500
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	14	2	6	8	-7	0.571	0.071
24	Ty Nelson	D	9	2	3	5	-2	0.556	0.333
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	12	2	3	5	5	0.417	0.833
29	Lleyton Roed	F	8	0	5	5	5	0.625	1.250
15	John Hayden	F	9	3	1	4	-2	0.444	0.222
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	13	3	1	4	-5	0.308	-0.077
88	David Goyette	F	14	1	3	4	-3	0.286	0.071
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	10	0	4	4	4	0.400	0.800
4	* Caden Price	D	14	0	4	4	4	0.286	0.571
39	Ben Meyers	F	4	2	1	3	-3	0.750	0.000
68	Jakov Novak	F	7	1	2	3	1	0.429	0.571
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	12	1	2	3	-8	0.250	-0.417
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	4	1	1	2	-1	0.500	0.250
21	Ian McKinnon	F	14	1	1	2	-2	0.143	0.000
7	Zach Uens	D	1	0	1	1	1	1.000	2.000
40	* Victor Östman	G	7	0	1	1	0	0.143	0.143
35	Nikke Kokko	G	8	0	1	1	0	0.125	0.125
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	12	0	1	1	-3	0.083	-0.167
9	x Justin Janicke	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
12	Eduard Šalé	F	1	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-2.000
34	x Jackson Berezowski	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
50	Charlie Wright	D	9	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	42	55	97	-13
Defense	8	26	34	-4

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Head-to-Head

This is the 3rd meeting of the year. The teams split the first two games with the Firebirds winning the second contest in overtime. Both teams are tied with 16 points in the standings, but the Gulls have a better goal differential. With teams very close in the Pacific division, 2 points can push either team up the standings very quickly. Expect both teams to be very aggressive tonight.

After tonight's game, the Gulls will head home to play the Wranglers. The Wranglers will then come to Coachella Valley for the first time this season the following day. The Gulls and Firebirds will then face off again in San Diego next Friday.

1st Period

The Gulls came out strong to start the period. The Firebirds looked as if they had a little too much time off. The Gulls dominated the faceoff circle and controlled the pace of the game. Their first goal was power play goal by Yegor Sidorov that slid flat along the ice and somehow found its way past Kokko. 2 minutes later on another power play, the Gulls got their second goal from Sasha Pastujov. The Firebirds settled down, started to get into rhythm, and forecheck a little more.

2nd Period

Firebirds started the period with more aggression and better controlled tape-to-tape passes, but a penalty killed the early momentum. The Gulls made a push for a while, but the Firebirds regained their stride. It was looking like no one was going to score, but with less than 3 minutes left in the period, the Firebirds were on a 2 on 1 breakout. J.R. Avon had an option with Jagger Firkus on the left side, but he took the shot himself to snipe one past Ville Husso to get the Firebirds on the board. The Firebirds started to tilt the ice in their favor in the time.

3rd Period

A boarding penalty put the Firebirds on a power play. It didn't take long, but Husso couldn't coral a shot on goal. Logan Morrison tip the puck in to the net to tie the game. The Firebirds tilted the ice the rest of the period with the Gulls getting chances on rushes. The game didn't get a little spirited after goalie stops, but the refs let the players play. The game went to overtime.

Overtime

The Gulls won the face off, but didn't generate a shot. The Firebirds stole the puck and a on the rush up the ice, Tyson Jugnauth made a pass to Ben Meyers who shot from the slot through a defensive screen to net the game winner.

Post-Game

Last night, the Kraken came back from a 2-0 deficit to the Blackhawks to win the game 3 to 2. Tonight, the Firebirds come back from 2-0 to win 3-2. A critical 2 points for the Firebirds. The Gulls won the faceoff battle and shots on goal. The Gulls also had the better chances, but Kokko stood tall in net. The Gulls lose another overtime game. Although they didn't play their best, the Firebirds persistence won the night. The 2 points move the Firebirds up to 5th in the Pacific. The sit 2 points behind San Jose in a crowded division.

Note: The line of J.R., Avon, Logan Morrison, and Jagger Firkus have scored at least one goal 7 games in a row.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028011>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Gulls	Firebirds
Shots	43	27
PP	2/3	1/3
PIM	10	10
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	OT	Total
Gulls	1	2	2		5
Firebirds	1	1	0		2

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Gulls	1	0	2	0	3
Firebirds	3	0	1	0	4

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Gulls	13	12	9	1	35
Firebirds	9	8	10	0	27

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

	Gulls			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	6	4	0	4	3	0
Neutral	5	0	1	9	1	0
Defense	18	0	1	7	0	3

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.