

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: TEX Stars

Date: Nov 29, 2025 6:00PM PST

### Pre-Game

The Stars' season has not gone as planned. They are near the bottom in the league standings, dead last in the power play, near the bottom in penalty killing, and a goal differential of -16. They have fallen to 7 points behind the last playoff spot in the Central division. Former Firebirds Cameron Hughes leads the team in points, but his +/- lowers his PMPPG to 0.176. Another Firebirds, Kole Lind is also off to a slow start. The Stars did trade for Samu Tuomaala who made an impact in his 11 games. The Stars are a far cry from last year's team that went the conference finals. There is still a long way to go in the season. Tonight's game will be the first in a 6-game road trip to play against the Firebirds, Gulls, and Reign. The NHL parent Dallas Stars are off to a phenomenal start. The Dallas Stars are second in the NHL in points behind the Colorado Avalanche.

| No. | PLAYER                  | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PPG   | PMPPG  |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| 19  | Cameron Hughes          | F   | 17 | 2 | 8 | 10  | -7  | 0.588 | 0.176  |
| 11  | * Harrison Scott        | F   | 17 | 2 | 6 | 8   | 6   | 0.471 | 0.824  |
| 34  | Samu Tuomaala           | F   | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7   | -4  | 0.500 | 0.214  |
| 12  | Arttu Hyry              | C   | 11 | 4 | 2 | 6   | -9  | 0.545 | -0.273 |
| 2   | * Trey Taylor           | D   | 16 | 4 | 2 | 6   | -2  | 0.375 | 0.250  |
| 40  | Antonio Stranges        | F   | 15 | 3 | 3 | 6   | -4  | 0.400 | 0.133  |
| 17  | Kole Lind               | F   | 17 | 3 | 3 | 6   | -7  | 0.353 | -0.059 |
| 13  | Matthew Seminoff        | F   | 17 | 3 | 3 | 6   | 3   | 0.353 | 0.529  |
| 32  | Cross Hanas             | F   | 13 | 2 | 4 | 6   | -1  | 0.462 | 0.385  |
| 38  | * Artem Shlaine         | F   | 16 | 3 | 2 | 5   | -4  | 0.313 | 0.063  |
| 16  | Curtis McKenzie         | F   | 17 | 2 | 3 | 5   | -1  | 0.294 | 0.235  |
| 20  | * Ayrton Martino        | F   | 11 | 1 | 4 | 5   | 4   | 0.455 | 0.818  |
| 37  | Kyle Looft              | D   | 9  | 3 | 1 | 4   | 0   | 0.444 | 0.444  |
| 22  | x Kyle Capobianco       | D   | 5  | 1 | 3 | 4   | 1   | 0.800 | 1.000  |
| 3   | * Tristan Bertucci      | D   | 16 | 0 | 4 | 4   | -6  | 0.250 | -0.125 |
| 5   | * Tommy Bergsland       | D   | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3   | 0   | 0.300 | 0.300  |
| 18  | x Vladislav Kolyachonok | D   | 10 | 0 | 3 | 3   | 0   | 0.300 | 0.300  |
| 26  | Michael Karow           | D   | 15 | 0 | 3 | 3   | -2  | 0.200 | 0.067  |
| 8   | Gavin White             | D   | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2   | -3  | 0.154 | -0.077 |
| 27  | Jack Becker             | F   | 16 | 1 | 1 | 2   | 3   | 0.125 | 0.313  |
| 21  | * Sean Chisholm         | F   | 9  | 0 | 1 | 1   | -1  | 0.111 | 0.000  |
| 10  | * Justin Ertel          | LW  | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1   | 1   | 0.083 | 0.167  |

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|----|--------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|-------|--------|
| 33 | *x Ben Kraws       | G | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| 15 | x Christian Kyrrou | D | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0.000 | -0.250 |
| 24 | * Connor Punnett   | D | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0.000 | 0.750  |
| 39 | *x Emil Hemming    | F | 5  | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0.000 | -0.200 |
| 1  | Remi Poirier       | G | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.000 | 0.000  |

Totals by forwards and defense:

|          | G  | A  | PTS | +/- |
|----------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Forwards | 30 | 50 | 80  | -27 |
| Defense  | 9  | 20 | 29  | -10 |

*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 played the Gulls last night. The Firebirds lost the opening night game of the season to the Gulls 5-0. The Firebirds won the next two games by one goal. After an overtime loss to the Wranglers and mini holiday break, the Firebirds turned the tables last night and beat the Gulls 5-0. Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout with the help of the defense blocking shots and picking up the loose change. The scoring streak by the second line continues as well as the 3 goals a game streak. The win helped leap frog the team to 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Pacific.

| No. | PLAYER                | POS | GP | G | A  | PTS | +/- | PPG   | PMPPG |
|-----|-----------------------|-----|----|---|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 57  | Jagger Firkus         | F   | 17 | 9 | 11 | 20  | 4   | 1.176 | 1.412 |
| 96  | Logan Morrison        | F   | 17 | 9 | 8  | 17  | 3   | 1.000 | 1.176 |
| 10  | J.R. Avon             | F   | 16 | 5 | 8  | 13  | 4   | 0.813 | 1.063 |
| 63  | Jacob Melanson        | F   | 17 | 6 | 5  | 11  | 4   | 0.647 | 0.882 |
| 78  | Oscar Fisker Mølgaard | F   | 15 | 3 | 7  | 10  | -2  | 0.667 | 0.533 |
| 67  | Mitchell Stephens     | F   | 15 | 3 | 7  | 10  | -1  | 0.667 | 0.600 |
| 43  | * Tyson Jugnauth      | D   | 17 | 2 | 8  | 10  | -5  | 0.588 | 0.294 |
| 39  | Ben Meyers            | F   | 7  | 6 | 2  | 8   | 1   | 1.143 | 1.286 |
| 24  | Ty Nelson             | D   | 12 | 2 | 6  | 8   | -1  | 0.667 | 0.583 |
| 47  | * Kaden Hammell       | D   | 15 | 3 | 3  | 6   | 9   | 0.400 | 1.000 |
| 29  | Lleyton Roed          | F   | 11 | 1 | 5  | 6   | 3   | 0.545 | 0.818 |
| 15  | John Hayden           | F   | 12 | 4 | 1  | 5   | 1   | 0.417 | 0.500 |
| 16  | * Carson Rehkopf      | F   | 16 | 3 | 2  | 5   | -5  | 0.313 | 0.000 |
| 88  | David Goyette         | F   | 17 | 1 | 4  | 5   | 0   | 0.294 | 0.294 |
| 36  | Ville Ottavainen      | D   | 11 | 0 | 5  | 5   | 6   | 0.455 | 1.000 |
| 12  | Eduard Šalé           | F   | 4  | 1 | 3  | 4   | -1  | 1.000 | 0.750 |
| 4   | * Caden Price         | D   | 17 | 0 | 4  | 4   | 5   | 0.235 | 0.529 |
| 68  | Jakov Novak           | F   | 7  | 1 | 2  | 3   | 1   | 0.429 | 0.571 |

|    |                      |   |    |   |   |   |    |       |        |
|----|----------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|-------|--------|
| 2  | * Lukas Dragiccevic  | 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 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -2 | 0.133 | 0.000  |
| 7  | Zach Uens            | D | 3  | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 0.667 | 1.333  |
| 40 | * Victor Östman      | G | 7  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0.143 | 0.143  |
| 35 | Nikke Kokko          | G | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0  | 0.091 | 0.091  |
| 72 | * Andrei Loshko      | F | 14 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -3 | 0.071 | -0.143 |
| 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 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0.000 | 0.083  |

Totals by forwards and defense:

|          | G  | A  | PTS | +/- |
|----------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Forwards | 53 | 67 | 120 | 5   |
| Defense  | 9  | 33 | 42  | 8   |

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## Head-to-Head

The Firebirds and Stars played against each other last year. After losing the first game in a shootout, the Firebirds won the next 3, and two of those wins went to overtime. On paper, the Firebirds should dominate tonight's game, but that is not a given, which is why the games are played. With the Stars hungry for wins and the Firebirds playing last night, expect tonight's game to be a close affair. The Stars are the only out of division team the Firebirds will play this season. Firebirds head coach Derek Laxdal was the Texas Stars head coach for 6 seasons (2014-2020).

### 1<sup>st</sup> Period

A track meet broke out in the first period. No real sustained O-zone time for either team. For the Firebirds that played last night, the defense was a little off. It was the rested Stars that took the period. Stars first goal came on a rush up the ice, Harrison Scott got a pass across the top of the blue paint to slip it past Östman. On the only power play in the period, Stars one the faceoff and the puck went below the goal line. Cameron Hughes walked up to the goal uncontested and made a pass over to Artem Shlaine who tipped at the top of the blue paint for the second goal. The Firebirds had a few chances and had a 3 on 1 that they couldn't convert.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

So much for a close game, the Stars took advantage of a tired Firebirds. The Stars got the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal within 4 minutes into the period. A little later, the Firebirds fumbled a puck on the power play in the neutral zone and the Stars made them pay. Jack Becker got the short-handed goal to make it 4-0. Coach Laxdal thought

had seen enough and it was time for a rest. Östman was pulled and Kokko was put in just to give Östman a reset for a shift. After another break in the action, Östman was put back in. The changed worked. The Firebirds finally got on the board during a 5 on 3 power play. Ben Meyers got the puck in the open on a blue paint scrambled and put the puck home. The remaining 7 minutes was filled with penalties and 5 on 3 power plays for both teams.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

The Firebirds came out with more jump in their step. They made the game interesting. John Hayden scored the second goal to make it 4-2 within the first 6 minutes. The goal sparked a big push. At 14 minutes, David Goyette made it 4-3. The Stars were scrambling. With 2:30 to go, Östman was pulled for the extra attacker, but the Stars were able to score the empty net goal.

### Post-Game

Credit the Stars who came out hungry to get a win. They scored early and made the Firebirds chase the game. The Firebirds came out slow, but the never say die Firebirds made a game of it. They came up short, but a lesson learned. The 2<sup>nd</sup> line scoring streak comes to an end. The Stars play the Reign tomorrow. Firebirds next game is against the Stars on Wednesday.

|                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | OT | Total |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-------|
| <b>Stars</b>     | 2               | 2               | 1               |    | 5     |
| <b>Firebirds</b> | 0               | 1               | 2               |    | 3     |

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028068>

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

### Team Game Stats:

|              | Stars | Firebirds |
|--------------|-------|-----------|
| <b>Shots</b> | 25    | 31        |
| <b>PP</b>    | 1 / 3 | 1 / 5     |
| <b>PIM</b>   | 12    | 8         |
| <b>SH</b>    | 1     | 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.

| <b>Icing</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Stars        | 2               | 2               | 1               |  | 5     |
| Firebirds    | 4               | 1               | 1               |  | 6     |

| <b>Offsides</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Stars           | 3               | 1               | 0               |  | 4     |
| Firebirds       | 1               | 0               | 1               |  | 2     |

| Faceoff Wins | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Stars        | 11              | 8               | 7               |  | 26    |
| Firebirds    | 9               | 9               | 5               |  | 23    |

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

|         | Stars |    |    | Firebirds |    |    |
|---------|-------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| Zone    | ES    | PP | PK | ES        | PP | PK |
| Attack  | 5     | 3  | 0  | 8         | 2  | 0  |
| Neutral | 7     | 0  | 0  | 5         | 0  | 1  |
| Defense | 6     | 0  | 5  | 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.
- The line of J.R., Avon, Logan Morrison, and Jagger Firkus scored at least one goal 9 games in a row. (11/7-11/28)
- 9 games streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25).
- Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5 – 0 11/28/25).