

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SJ Barracuda

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### Pre-Game

Tonight's game is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of a 5-game road trip for the Barracuda. They took two games against the Texas Stars this past weekend, which has help them leap frogged up the Pacific division into second place. They are one point ahead of the Reign who they will face 4 games in a row after tonight. A pair of rookies, Igor Chernyshov and Quentin Musty, lead the team in points and both are in the AHL top 10 rookie point leaders. Luca Cagnoni is one of the top defensemen in the AHL. The NHL parent Sharks are doing very well this year and find themselves in the hunt for a playoff spot, but injuries have cropped up. The Barracuda will be without Igor Chernyshov and Ethan Cardwell who have been recalled up to the Sharks. The Barracuda are in the tops on the power play, but they are dead last in penalty kill.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
92	*x Igor Chernyshov	F	25	11	12	23	5	0.92	1.12
13	* Quentin Musty	F	25	7	13	20	-2	0.800	0.720
18	Filip Bystedt	F	23	6	14	20	7	0.870	1.174
42	Luca Cagnoni	D	23	5	12	17	4	0.739	0.913
16	Colin White	C	15	5	10	15	1	1.000	1.067
46	* Cam Lund	F	18	4	10	14	0	0.778	0.778
40	Jimmy Huntington	F	24	4	8	12	2	0.500	0.583
32	Lucas Carlsson	D	23	7	3	10	-2	0.435	0.348
84	Pavol Regenda	LW	24	3	7	10	0	0.417	0.417
24	Oliver Wahlstrom	RW	20	6	3	9	-3	0.450	0.300
14	* Kasper Halttunen	F	23	5	4	9	-5	0.391	0.174
56	x Ethan Cardwell	F	14	3	6	9	2	0.643	0.786
54	Patrick Giles	F	21	4	3	7	-5	0.333	0.095
26	Jack Thompson	D	24	2	5	7	4	0.292	0.458
22	x Vincent Iorio	D	6	0	7	7	7	1.167	2.333
11	Egor Afanasyev	LW	18	2	4	6	-1	0.333	0.278
25	* Mattias Havelid	D	14	1	4	5	-4	0.357	0.071
63	x Zack Ostapchuk	C	11	3	1	4	-4	0.364	0.000
59	Cole Clayton	D	22	2	2	4	-1	0.182	0.136
76	Anthony Vincent	F	21	1	2	3	-8	0.143	-0.238
61	Jake Furlong	D	9	0	2	2	-2	0.222	0.000
86	Braden Hache	D	25	0	2	2	-1	0.080	0.040
77	*x Michael Misa	F	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
41	Samuel Laberge	F	3	0	1	1	2	0.333	1.000

79	*x John Gormley	D	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
36	Jakub Skarek	G	12	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
15	Shane Bowers	F	13	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-0.385
35	Gabriel Carriere	G	14	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	53	85	138	-10
Defense	17	37	54	5

*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 completed a 4-game Canadian road trip against the Canucks and Wranglers. They went 3 -1 -0-0, which puts them in 5<sup>th</sup> in the Pacific. They are 3 points behind the Barracuda. Injuries to the Kraken have required the services of Ben Meyers who has been on fire since returning from his previous time with the Kraken. Jacob Melanson is the latest recall to the Kraken. J.R. Avon was injured on the road trip will be out for a few weeks. After a promising start, the Kraken gone 1-8-1 in the last 10-game have stumbled down the standings. There might be more recalls from the Firebirds in the next month or so.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	23	11	12	23	6	1.000	1.261
96	Logan Morrison	F	23	11	9	20	5	0.870	1.087
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	23	4	14	18	-2	0.783	0.696
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	23	7	7	14	5	0.609	0.826
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	21	4	9	13	-2	0.619	0.524
24	Ty Nelson	D	18	3	8	11	1	0.611	0.667
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	20	3	7	10	-5	0.500	0.250
15	John Hayden	F	18	6	3	9	-1	0.500	0.444
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	19	4	3	7	10	0.368	0.895
29	Lleyton Roed	F	17	1	6	7	3	0.412	0.588
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	21	3	3	6	-7	0.286	-0.048
88	David Goyette	F	23	2	4	6	-3	0.261	0.130
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	17	0	6	6	7	0.353	0.765
12	Eduard Šalé	F	10	1	3	4	-3	0.400	0.100
4	* Caden Price	D	23	0	4	4	3	0.174	0.304
68	Jakov Novak	F	7	1	2	3	1	0.429	0.571
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	15	1	2	3	-8	0.200	-0.333

21	Ian McKinnon	F	17	1	2	3	0	0.176	0.176
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	4	1	1	2	-1	0.500	0.250
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	17	0	2	2	0	0.118	0.118
40	* Victor Östman	G	10	0	1	1	0	0.100	0.100
35	Nikke Kokko	G	16	0	1	1	0	0.063	0.063
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	17	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.118

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	66	82	148	-4
Defense	13	42	55	10

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## Head-to-Head

The Firebirds won the opening season game 6-3 in San Jose back in October. The Firebirds took the lead 1-0 in the first period. The Barracuda scored the first 3 goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, only to see the Firebirds score 3 of their own and 2 more in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. Last year, the Barracuda got the best of the Firebirds with a 7-1-0-0 record. The Barracuda had Andrew Poturalski who was dominate on offense. Andrew is playing in the KHL this year. Both teams have key recalls to NHL so tonight's game will be an interesting contest.

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

The Barracuda started the game with a strong forecheck that hemmed in the Firebirds. It took a good rush up the ice and getting some zone time for the Firebirds to get on the board first. At the 4:42 mark, Eduard Sale shot the puck on goal. John Hayden picked up the rebound to put the Firebirds ahead. The Firebirds got 3 power play opportunities and looked strong, but they were not able to cash in with the man advantage.

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

No scoring, but lots of action. Barracuda had most of the o-zone time, but couldn't convert. Kokko made several great saves to keep the puck out of the net. There were several penalties in the period. The first resulted in a 4-on-4. The Barracuda were assessed a penalty for tripping that made it a 4 on 3 power play for the Firebirds, but the Firebirds couldn't convert. The Firebirds got called on a penalty with 40 seconds left in the period.

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

The Firebirds got another penalty 14 seconds into the period. The Barracuda scored on the 5 on 3 power play. Oliver Wahlstrom made a shot from the point that Kokko never saw. 4 minutes later on a breakout rush up the ice, Mitchell Stephens received a pass from Lukas Dragicevic and out skated the defense to put in backhand goal past Gabriel Carriere. A self-inflicted wound came 5 minutes later as the Firebirds were penalized for having too many men on the ice. The Barracuda tied the game up again in the first 30 seconds. Oliver Wahlstrom made a shot that Kokko couldn't hold on too. Filip Bystedt put the goal into an open net. Even though the Barracuda were pressing, the Firebirds didn't break. Kokko made a stop and passed to Oscar Fisker Mølgaard who took the puck down the ice and made a sweet move to get Gabriel Carriere out of position to put home what would be the game winning goal. Logan Morrison sealed the game with an empty net goal 2 minutes later.

### Post-Game

With changes to both line ups the game, the game could have gone either way. The Barracuda have a strong forecheck, and they are playing very well. They put the Firebirds on their heels. The Firebirds persevered even when the Barracuda came back twice. One noticeable change, the Firebirds used their speed tonight to attack the net and create chances.

The Barracuda are off to Ontario to take on the Reign this weekend. The Firebirds will play the Condors on back-to-back nights. Friday will be at Acrisure Aren, which will be the teddy bear toss night. Saturday's game will be in Bakersfield.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
<b>Barracuda</b>	0	0	2		2
<b>Firebirds</b>	1	0	3		4

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028174>  
Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: [Firebirds - YouTube](#)

### Team Game Stats:

	Barracuda	Firebirds
<b>Shots</b>	40	30
<b>PP</b>	2 / 5	0 / 5
<b>PIM</b>	12	12
<b>SH</b>	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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Barracuda	1	1	2		4
Firebirds	2	3	0		5

Offsides	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Barracuda	1	1	1		3
Firebirds	1	0	1		2

Faceoff Wins	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Barracuda	10	10	21		41
Firebirds	12	12	20		44

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

	Barracuda			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	6	9	0	6	4	1
Neutral	12	0	0	8	1	3
Defense	12	0	2	19	0	2

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. 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).
- Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5 – 0 11/28/25).
- 12 games streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25 – 12/6/25).