

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SD Gulls

Date: Jan 30, 2026 7:00PM PST

Pre-Game

The Gulls are having a much better season than last year. They are in 6th place in the Pacific and in a good position to get a playoff spot if they continue to compete. Tim Washe, their top rookie and offensive contributor, was recalled to the Ducks earlier this month, and he got his first NHL goal. Even without Tim, Justin Bailey Sasha Pastujov, Matthew Phillips still provide the punch need to keep the Gulls rolling. Points come in streaks and the Gulls only have 1 point in the last 3 games. The key to their success has been the penalty kill where they are 3rd in the AHL.

| No. | PLAYER | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PPG | PMPPG |
|-----|--------------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| 16 | Sasha Pastujov | RW | 41 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 3 | 0.707 | 0.780 |
| 18 | Matthew Phillips | RW | 41 | 8 | 20 | 28 | -6 | 0.683 | 0.537 |
| 10 | *x Tim Washe | C | 30 | 13 | 12 | 25 | 7 | 0.833 | 1.067 |
| 12 | Justin Bailey | RW | 41 | 14 | 9 | 23 | 9 | 0.561 | 0.780 |
| 22 | Ryan Carpenter | C | 41 | 7 | 16 | 23 | -8 | 0.561 | 0.366 |
| 28 | Judd Caulfield | RW | 41 | 10 | 11 | 21 | 3 | 0.512 | 0.585 |
| 19 | Yegor Sidorov | RW | 41 | 10 | 10 | 20 | -7 | 0.488 | 0.317 |
| 11 | Jan Myšák | C | 41 | 9 | 11 | 20 | 2 | 0.488 | 0.537 |
| 29 | x Sam Colangelo | F | 23 | 7 | 9 | 16 | -7 | 0.696 | 0.391 |
| 37 | Roland McKeown | D | 41 | 3 | 12 | 15 | -6 | 0.366 | 0.220 |
| 15 | Nikolas Brouillard | D | 37 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 0.378 | 0.514 |
| 6 | Tristan Luneau | D | 41 | 4 | 9 | 13 | -9 | 0.317 | 0.098 |
| 21 | Nico Myatovic | LW | 41 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 0.244 | 0.268 |
| 7 | * Stian Solberg | D | 41 | 4 | 5 | 9 | -9 | 0.220 | 0.000 |
| 2 | Noah Warren | D | 41 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 0.220 | 0.463 |
| 17 | Nathan Gaucher | C | 36 | 4 | 4 | 8 | -4 | 0.222 | 0.111 |
| 5 | Tyson Hinds | D | 37 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0.216 | 0.270 |
| 25 | Cal Burke | C | 33 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -4 | 0.121 | 0.000 |
| 13 | Nikita Nesterenko | LW | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | -1 | 0.429 | 0.286 |
| 14 | Coulson Pitre | RW | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -3 | 0.200 | -0.100 |
| 24 | Travis Howe | RW | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 0.059 | 0.000 |
| 34 | x Ville Husso | G | 17 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.059 | 0.059 |
| 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 |
| 41 | x Roman Kinal | D | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 0.667 |

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| 39 | *x Owen Lindmark | C | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0.000 | -0.333 |
| 32 | x Vyacheslav Buteyets | G | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 30 | Tomas Suchanek | G | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 38 | * Konnor Smith | D | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0.000 | -0.143 |
| 31 | Calle Clang | G | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 |

Totals by forwards and defense:

| | G | A | PTS | +/- |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Forwards | 100 | 133 | 233 | -17 |
| Defense | 14 | 55 | 69 | -6 |

| | AHL Rank | Stat |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Road Record | 17 | 10-6-4-0 |
| PP | 24 | 16.3% |
| PK | 3 | 84.7% |
| Penalty Minutes per game | 26 | 11.46 |
| SHGF | 2 | 7 |
| SHGA | 7 | 2 |

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The Firebirds are coming to an end of their homestand tonight. The last two games against the Reign and the Eagles showed their competitiveness even without a full lineup. Tonight is the last game of the 5-game home stand where they have gotten 5 of 8 points so far. Logan Morrison continues to shine offensively and is the top scoring generator on the team. Victor Östman has done well in net for the injured Nikke Kokko. Jack LaFontaine has been called up from the Mavericks to serve as back up and has 2 wins to his credit. Jack currently leads the ECHL in Wins. The Mavericks are on a 14-game win streak and top of the ECHL in points.

| No. | PLAYER | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PPG | PMPPG |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 96 | Logan Morrison | F | 40 | 21 | 17 | 38 | 13 | 0.950 | 1.275 |
| 57 | Jagger Firkus | F | 40 | 14 | 24 | 38 | 9 | 0.950 | 1.175 |
| 43 | * Tyson Jugnauth | D | 40 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 3 | 0.750 | 0.825 |
| 78 | * Oscar Fisker Mølgaard | F | 35 | 7 | 14 | 21 | -3 | 0.600 | 0.514 |
| 15 | John Hayden | F | 35 | 11 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 0.486 | 0.543 |
| 63 | x Jacob Melanson | F | 26 | 7 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 0.615 | 0.885 |
| 10 | J.R. Avon | F | 21 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 3 | 0.714 | 0.857 |
| 24 | Ty Nelson | D | 35 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 0.429 | 0.486 |

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| 12 | Eduard Šalé | F | 27 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 0.519 | 0.519 |
| 67 | Mitchell Stephens | F | 37 | 6 | 8 | 14 | -8 | 0.378 | 0.162 |
| 29 | Lleyton Roed | F | 33 | 3 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 0.424 | 0.667 |
| 39 | x Ben Meyers | F | 11 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 1.182 | 1.364 |
| 16 | * Carson Rehkopf | F | 38 | 8 | 4 | 12 | -5 | 0.316 | 0.184 |
| 23 | Gustav Olofsson | D | 17 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 0.706 | 1.059 |
| 36 | Ville Ottavainen | D | 34 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 0.324 | 0.618 |
| 33 | Jani Nyman | F | 12 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 0.750 | 0.917 |
| 4 | * Caden Price | D | 39 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 0.231 | 0.308 |
| 88 | David Goyette | F | 40 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 0.225 | 0.275 |
| 47 | * Kaden Hammell | D | 26 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 0.308 | 0.846 |
| 21 | Ian McKinnon | F | 33 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0.242 | 0.303 |
| 68 | Jakov Novak | F | 16 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 0.500 | 0.625 |
| 72 | * Andrei Loshko | F | 31 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 0.226 | 0.290 |
| 2 | * Lukas Dragicevic | D | 28 | 1 | 5 | 6 | -4 | 0.214 | 0.071 |
| 7 | x Zach Uens | D | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0.667 | 1.333 |
| 35 | Nikke Kokko | G | 23 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0.087 | 0.087 |
| 40 | * Victor Östman | G | 19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.053 | 0.053 |
| 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 |
| 45 | Jack LaFontaine | G | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 50 | x Charlie Wright | D | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -3 | 0.000 | -0.150 |

Totals by forwards and defense:

| | G | A | PTS | +/- |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Forwards | 115 | 138 | 253 | 36 |
| Defense | 19 | 77 | 96 | 33 |

| | AHL Rank | Stat |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Home Record | 12 | 11-7-3-0 |
| PP | 16 | 19.2% |
| PK | 27 | 77.9% |
| Penalty Minutes per game | 5 | 15.26 |
| SHGF | 26 | 3 |
| SHGA | 29 | 6 |

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Head-to-Head

So far 6 games have been played in the series. The first 3 were play in Coachella Valley. The Gulls won the open night game 5-0. Since then, it has been all Firebirds. The 2nd and 3rd games went to overtime in which the Firebirds won. The last 3 games were played in San Diego. The Firebirds took all three games outscoring the Gulls 14-2, which includes 2 shutouts. The Firebirds have not trailed in regulation to the Gulls in over 9 periods. The Gulls have a better road record then home so tonight's game will have a different compete level than the last 3 in San Diego.

This is the last game in the series to be played in Coachella Valley. The final game in the series will be on the second to last game of the season.

1st Period

Firebirds got off to a fast start with a goal at 28 seconds. Carson Rehkopf received a behind the back pass from Adrei Loshko, and he put it in the net before Tomas Suchanek could get over to cover. The Gulls got the tie goal in the waning seconds of a power play. Stian Solberg got a cross-ice pass from Yegor Sidorov. Östman could get over to cover the shot. The Firebirds got a chance on a power play, but the Gulls top penalty kill didn't let the Firebirds get in to the O-zone and setup.

2nd Period

The Gulls owned the period. After controlling most of the O-zone time, The Gulls first goal came almost half way through the period and just as a Firebird penalty ended. Judd Caulfield got a puck download to sneak past Ostman. The Firebirds then took over for the next 5 minutes, but couldn't score. A Firebirds penalty then closed the push down. The Gulls got their second goal in the period Yegor Sidorov tip in a puck on a pass from Justin Bailey.

3rd Period

The Firebirds made a big push in the period. The defense had to activate. Firebirds were doing a good job keeping the puck in the O-zone. A Gulls attempt to get out of the zone was stolen by Ty Nelson who skated to the slot and scored a goal on the backhand. The Firebirds were now down by one. The Gulls looked flat footed compare to the 2nd period. Gulls got called on a slashing penalty. This time the Firebirds did a better job setting up the power play. Jani Nyman got the tying goal on the power play on the opposite side of his usual place on the power play. The Firebirds continue to press, but the Gulls bounced back. A Firebird lost a stick and that was all it took for Yegor Sidorov to score the game winning goal with a 1:50 to play in the game.

Post-Game

The Gulls out skated and out played the Firebirds in the first two period, and they got a much needed 2 points to create separation from the bottom 4 teams in the Pacific. The Firebirds showed that they are not out of any game, but the margin for error is slim. The loss dropped the Firebirds down to 5th. The Gulls head home to play the Reign on Saturday and Silver Knights on Wednesday before the break. The Firebirds

head out on a 4-game road trip. The play the Reign on Sunday, Barracuda on Wednesday, and have two games back-to-back on next weekend against the Silver Knights.

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | | Total |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Gulls | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 4 |
| Firebirds | 1 | 0 | 2 | | 3 |

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028426>
 Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: [Firebirds - YouTube](#)

Team Game Stats:

| | Gulls | Firebirds |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| Shots | 39 | 29 |
| PP | 2 / 4 | 1 / 2 |
| PIM | 4 | 8 |
| 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 |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Gulls | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Firebirds | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 6 |

| Offsides | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Gulls | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Firebirds | 1 | 0 | 2 | | 3 |

| Faceoff Wins | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| Gulls | 8 | 11 | 16 | | 35 |
| Firebirds | 9 | 10 | 10 | | 29 |

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

| Zone | Gulls | | | Firebirds | | |
|----------------|-------|----|----|-----------|----|----|
| | ES | PP | PK | ES | PP | PK |
| Attack | 10 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Neutral | 12 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Defense | 6 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 4 |

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill

Interesting Firebirds stats this year to date:

- 5 games in row (15 periods) that the team never trailed in regulation.
- 2 different Firebirds had a hat-trick on back-to-back nights: Jagger Firkus (vs. BAK 11/15/25) and Jacob Melanson (vs ABB 11/16/25)
- Carson Rehkopf got a hat trick (vs JS 1.21.26)
- Two goalies have an assist in the season – first time since inaugural 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).
- Goalie shutouts:
 - Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5-0 11/28/2025).
 - Victor Östman got his second regular season shutout (vs. Gulls 4-0 1/17/2026)
 - Jack LaFontaine got a shutout (vs Canucks 3-0 1/18/26)
 - Victor Östman and Jack LaFontaine got shutouts on back-to-back nights. A first in Firebirds history.
- 12 game-streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25 – 12/6/25).
- 4-6-1-0 in the 2nd game on back-to-back nights.
- 5-5-0-0 when playing a team back-to-back with day(s) off in-between.
- 148 minutes and 58 seconds in a row without letting the other team score a goal. (Tex 2/14/26, SD 1/17/26, ABB 1/18/26, SJ 1/21/26). This is a new franchise record.