

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SD Gulls

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### Pre-Game

The Gulls are having a much better season that last year. They are in 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

*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 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

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 played in Coachella Valley. The Gulls won the open night game 5-0. Since then, it has been all Firebirds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 competitive 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 down to sneak past Östman. 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 periods, 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
<b>Gulls</b>	1	2	1		4
<b>Firebirds</b>	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:

	<b>Gulls</b>	<b>Firebirds</b>
<b>Shots</b>	39	29
<b>PP</b>	2 / 4	1 / 2
<b>PIM</b>	4	8
<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.

<b>Icing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Gulls	0	0	0		0
Firebirds	2	3	1		6

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

<b>Faceoff Wins</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		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.

	<b>Gulls</b>			<b>Firebirds</b>		
<b>Zone</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>ES</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>PK</b>
<b>Attack</b>	10	6	0	9	2	0
<b>Neutral</b>	12	0	0	8	0	0
<b>Defense</b>	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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.