

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: CGY Wranglers

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Pre-Game

The number of games left to make the playoffs is shrinking for the Wranglers. The Wranglers didn't lose any ground with last night's loss, but it didn't help change the losing streak. They are in an unusual position of fighting for a playoff spot, and also acting as a spoiler. Today, they will be pressing even harder to change momentum from their 3-4-1-2 record in the past 10 games.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPG
6	Rory Kerins	C	50	17	28	45	-11	0.900	0.680
29	Martin Frk	RW	55	20	24	44	8	0.800	0.945
15	Dryden Hunt	LW	36	15	28	43	6	1.194	1.361
11	William Strömberg	LW	50	10	30	40	3	0.800	0.860
45	Sam Morton	C	52	12	20	32	-5	0.615	0.519
18	* Matvei Gridin	F	37	10	19	29	0	0.784	0.784
26	Daniil Miromanov	D	50	9	17	26	-2	0.520	0.480
19	Clark Bishop	C	56	6	11	17	-8	0.304	0.161
36	* Aydar Suniev	LW	45	13	3	16	-23	0.356	-0.156
28	Brennan Othmann	LW	1	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-2.000
41	Nick Cicek	D	55	5	11	16	-11	0.291	0.091
48	Hunter Brzustewicz	D	34	4	10	14	-5	0.412	0.265
23	Justin Kirkland	C	26	6	6	12	-9	0.462	0.115
44	* Carter King	C	52	4	6	10	-12	0.192	-0.038
2	Turner Ottenbreit	D	47	2	8	10	-5	0.213	0.106
17	Lucas Ciona	LW	42	5	2	7	-5	0.167	0.048
4	x Jérémie Poirier	D	35	1	5	6	-18	0.171	-0.343
25	David Silye	C	43	1	5	6	-9	0.140	-0.070
8	Gavin White	D	12	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-0.417
39	*x Zayne Parekh	D	4	2	3	5	1	1.250	1.500
49	*x Andrew Basha	LW	27	1	4	5	-7	0.185	-0.074
21	* Étienne Morin	D	27	1	4	5	-4	0.185	0.037
22	Parker Bell	LW	43	2	2	4	-12	0.093	-0.186
37	x Yan Kuznetsov	D	10	2	0	2	5	0.200	0.700
33	*x Simon Mack	D	19	0	2	2	-3	0.105	-0.053
50	Ivan Prosvetov	G	22	0	2	2	0	0.091	0.091
27	Ryan Chyzowski	C	3	1	0	1	-1	0.333	0.000
3	Artem Grushnikov	D	48	0	1	1	-2	0.021	-0.021

38	x Xavier Bernard	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
24	x Martin Pospisil	C	2	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-1.500
31	x Connor Murphy	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
16	* Carter Wilkie	C	15	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-0.333
35	* Arsenii Sergeev	G	18	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	* Owen Say	G	19	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
20	Alex Gallant	LW	31	0	0	0	-7	0.000	-0.226

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	123	188	311	-102
Defense	26	63	89	-49

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	24	10-12-4-2
PP	31	13.8%
PK	29	77.0%
Penalty Minutes per game	10	14.04
SHGF	21	5
SHGA	3	9

*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 have seen the 3 teams below them creep up in the standings. The win last night put a little distance from the last playoff spot. If the Firebirds can get 18 points out of the remaining 36 potential points (18 games), they will have a playoff spot. On cue, Logan Morrison, Jagger Firkus, and Jani Nyman scored 3 goals in last night's game. Getting these three players going is important, but the other lines need to make contributions.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
96	Logan Morrison	F	54	25	27	52	24	0.963	1.407
57	Jagger Firkus	F	54	20	31	51	15	0.944	1.222
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	54	7	28	35	1	0.648	0.667
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	40	8	17	25	-3	0.625	0.550
33	Jani Nyman	F	26	17	7	24	16	0.923	1.538
29	Lleyton Roed	F	47	7	17	24	11	0.511	0.745
24	Ty Nelson	D	49	6	18	24	7	0.490	0.633
12	Eduard Šalé	F	41	7	12	19	-5	0.463	0.341
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	31	3	16	19	16	0.613	1.129
15	John Hayden	F	49	11	7	18	-5	0.367	0.265

67	Mitchell Stephens	F	51	8	9	17	-15	0.333	0.039
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	51	11	5	16	-3	0.314	0.255
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	26	7	9	16	7	0.615	0.885
10	J.R. Avon	F	27	6	10	16	-3	0.593	0.481
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	45	4	9	13	5	0.289	0.400
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	39	2	11	13	8	0.333	0.538
4	* Caden Price	D	42	2	9	11	3	0.262	0.333
88	David Goyette	F	47	3	7	10	3	0.213	0.277
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	42	1	9	10	-5	0.238	0.119
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	30	4	5	9	12	0.300	0.700
68	Jakov Novak	F	26	3	6	9	1	0.346	0.385
21	Ian McKinnon	F	47	4	4	8	1	0.170	0.191
7	Zach Uens	D	10	1	3	4	4	0.400	0.800
35	Nikke Kokko	G	27	0	2	2	0	0.074	0.074
40	* Victor Östman	G	27	0	2	2	0	0.074	0.074
50	Charlie Wright	D	29	0	1	1	-6	0.034	-0.172
9	x Justin Janicke	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
19	x Landon McCallum	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	x Jack LaFontaine	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	150	181	331	48
Defense	26	104	130	40

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	14	14-10-3-0
PP	23	17.3%
PK	25	79.2%
Penalty Minutes per game	5	14.48
SHGF	24	4
SHGA	13	6

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Head-to-Head

Both teams played last night. Less than 24-hours later, the teams are in the same situation in need of points. The season series is even with both teams having a 3-2-1-0 record against each other with 2 game to play. The Firebirds are 5-7-1-0 in the 2nd game of back-to-back nights. The team with jump an energy to start the game will make it challenging for the other.

1st Period

No scoring in the period. Both teams looked fresh, but the Firebirds had little more jump in their step. The Firebirds outshot the Wranglers 14 to 8. The Firebirds had two power plays but couldn't get one past Prosvetov. The Firebirds did a good job of preventing the Wranglers too much O-zone time.

2nd Period

Eduard Sale got the scoring started. Lukas Dragicevic made a nice D-zone exit pass to Oscar Fisker Molgaard who passed up to Eduard Sale and with a defenseman getting his stick in way made a shot that somehow went over Prosvetov and into the net. The Wranglers would answer 3 minutes later on the power play, Justin Krikland fired the puck below the goal line to the back of Ostman who mishandled the puck and it dropped into the goal. A goal he would want back. The Firebirds didn't stop. 2 minutes later, the Firebirds got a face off win on the O-Zone. The puck found its way back to the point where Kaden Hammell fire a shot that found its way to the back of the net. The 3rd goal came on nice recovery in the O-zone. Jani Nyman got the puck below the goal line and move it to pass across the paint to Locan Morrison who tip it home.

3rd Period

A slog of a period with 5 penalties. The Firebirds clamped down on defense and only allowed 3 shots on goal. Neither team showed signs of fatigue from playing the night before. Eduard Sale got his second goal on an empty net to seal the game for the Firebirds.

Post-Game

The Firebirds had a 4-point weekend. They have a little more cushion from the teams behind them in the standings. The key to success was better defensive play. The Firebirds defense got better each game. In tonight's game, they had room to skate the puck out of the D-zone and not take too many icings. The result was less sustained O-zone time for the Wranglers. The Wranglers made line adjustments for this game, but the results went in the opposite direction. The Wranglers lone goal was fluke, and they never really generated the offense to be much of a threat.

The Firebirds will have a home-and-home series against the first place Reign starting on Friday. The Wranglers head home for 4 games. The first two will be against the Manitoba Moose, and the final two will be against the Silver Knights.

	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Wranglers	0	1	0		1
Firebirds	0	3	1		4

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028656>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Wranglers	Firebirds
Shots	16	36
PP	1 / 4	0 / 4
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		Total
Wranglers	2	1	3		6
Firebirds	3	1	3		7

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Wranglers	0	1	0		1
Firebirds	3	0	1		4

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Wranglers	7	10	13		30
Firebirds	14	6	7		27

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

Zone	Wranglers			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	5	3	1	7	4	0
Neutral	9	0	0	7	0	0
Defense	8	0	4	8	1	0

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill