

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ONT Reign

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Pre-Game

The Reign are one of the top teams in the AHL this season. They are on an 8-game point streak, but the last game was a shootout loss to the Eagles. The Eagles and the Reign have been fighting for first place in the Pacific. The Reign are currently in first with a 3-point lead over the Eagles. The Reign have succeeded despite player movements with the NHL Kings who are trying to secure a playoff spot of their own. The Kings have made some trades hedging on the future and their prospects. First Jim Hiller was removed as head coach a couple weeks ago. Corey Perry and Warren Foegele were traded for future draft picks. The Reign scoring has come from their veteran core, but rookies Jared Wright and Kenny Connors have stood out this season. Jared is currently with the Kings. The goaltending duo of Erik Portillo and Pheonix Copley have been solid in net. They recently traded for center Jan Jenik from the Belleville Senators for defenseman Samuel Bolduc. The trade comes after defenseman Nikita Novikov was recently acquired from Buffalo Sabers. The Reign need about 10 more points to secure a playoff spot.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
21	Glenn Gawdin	F	57	13	31	44	0	0.772	0.772
81	Cole Guttman	F	53	20	23	43	3	0.811	0.868
59	Nikita Alexandrov	F	34	8	21	29	-8	0.853	0.618
8	Martin Chromiak	F	56	20	22	42	1	0.750	0.768
26	Andre Lee	F	50	23	17	40	9	0.800	0.980
78	*x Jared Wright	F	54	17	13	30	27	0.556	1.056
17	* Kenny Connors	F	51	9	20	29	13	0.569	0.824
71	Francesco Pinelli	F	50	10	17	27	11	0.540	0.760
86	Aatu Jämsen	F	51	15	10	25	2	0.490	0.529
34	x Taylor Ward	F	32	12	9	21	1	0.656	0.688
58	Samuel Bolduc	D	56	5	16	21	7	0.375	0.500
74	Nikita Novikov	D	1	0	0	0	1	0.000	1.000
27	Joe Hicketts	D	53	3	15	18	-6	0.340	0.226
13	* Koehn Ziemmer	F	42	7	10	17	8	0.405	0.595
47	* Jack Hughes	F	46	3	11	14	1	0.304	0.326
14	x Akil Thomas	F	19	4	9	13	-5	0.684	0.421
24	Angus Booth	D	47	1	12	13	6	0.277	0.404
19	* Kirill Kirsanov	D	54	4	8	12	9	0.222	0.389
45	Jack Millar	D	26	2	6	8	6	0.308	0.538
7	Kyle Burroughs	D	18	1	6	7	8	0.389	0.833
91	Logan Brown	F	16	0	7	7	0	0.438	0.438
55	Jakub Dvořák	D	36	3	3	6	5	0.167	0.306

12	* Tim Rego	D	14	2	3	5	6	0.357	0.786
10	* Otto Salin	D	37	3	1	4	-3	0.108	0.027
46	* Kenta Isogai	F	18	2	1	3	-3	0.167	0.000
37	Jacob Doty	F	35	2	1	3	-9	0.086	-0.171
22	x Kaleb Lawrence	LW	16	0	3	3	2	0.188	0.313
1	Erik Portillo	G	23	0	2	2	0	0.087	0.087
72	Keaton Mastrodonato	F	4	0	1	1	-3	0.250	-0.500
33	*x Mattias Sholl	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
49	x Isaiah Saville	G	8	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
29	Pheonix Copley	G	27	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	165	226	391	50
Defense	24	72	96	39

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	4	17-11-0-0
PP	8	21.0%
PK	3	85.1%
Penalty Minutes per game	29	10.95
SHGF	24	4
SHGA	2	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 4 points last weekend help the Firebirds maintain 5th place in the Pacific. They added veteran forward Cooper Marody from the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. Cooper's addition is to help create some more offensive depth in a play maker role. Derek Laxdal has combined his top offensive players one a single line: Logan Morrison, Jagger Firkus, and Jani Nyman. Scoring will have to come from other lines. The Firebirds also need to build in the defensive effort from last weekend. 9 out of the last 17 games will be against the Eagles, Reign and Barracuda who are in front of them in the standings.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
96	Logan Morrison	F	55	26	27	53	25	0.964	1.418
57	Jagger Firkus	F	55	20	32	52	16	0.945	1.236
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	55	7	28	35	3	0.636	0.691
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	41	8	18	26	-1	0.634	0.610
33	Jani Nyman	F	27	17	8	25	17	0.926	1.556
29	Lleyton Roed	F	48	7	18	25	13	0.521	0.792
24	Ty Nelson	D	50	6	19	25	8	0.500	0.660

12	Eduard Šalé	F	42	9	12	21	-3	0.500	0.429
15	John Hayden	F	50	11	8	19	-4	0.380	0.300
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	32	3	16	19	18	0.594	1.156
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	52	8	10	18	-14	0.346	0.077
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	52	11	5	16	-2	0.308	0.269
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	26	7	9	16	7	0.615	0.885
10	J.R. Avon	F	28	6	10	16	-3	0.571	0.464
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	46	4	9	13	5	0.283	0.391
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
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	43	1	10	11	-4	0.256	0.163
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	31	5	5	10	13	0.323	0.742
88	David Goyette	F	47	3	7	10	3	0.213	0.277
68	Jakov Novak	F	26	3	6	9	1	0.346	0.385
21	Ian McKinnon	F	48	4	4	8	1	0.167	0.188
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	28	0	2	2	0	0.071	0.071
50	Charlie Wright	D	30	0	1	1	-5	0.033	-0.133
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	153	187	340	60
Defense	27	106	133	48

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	13	15-10-3-0
PP	24	16.9%
PK	26	79.0%
Penalty Minutes per game	6	14.4
SHGF	25	4
SHGA	13	6

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Head-to-Head

This is the fourth meeting between both teams. They will play again tomorrow night. The first two games were 1 goal wins by the Reign. The second game went to overtime. The Firebirds took care of business with a 5-1 victory a month ago. Tonight, will be an interesting contest between the cross-town rivals. The Reign are strong on special teams and defense, but they give up shorthanded goals. Other than goaltender Erik Portillo, the Reign are absent from the top offensive and defensive AHL leader boards. In contrast the Firebirds have several players leading in the top AHL offensive and defensive categories. They have 5 games left in the season series so we will get to see how they really match up over the next 30 days.

1st Period

No scoring in the period. Both teams had a chance on a power play. The Firebirds came out with a jump in their step, and were playing with a purpose. The Reign held serve. The shots on goal was 8 – 8.

2nd Period

A penalty filled period with score chances on both sides. The Reign got on the board first. Otton Salin shot towards the goal couldn't be recovered by the Firebirds. Martin Chromiak picked up the loose change and roofed the puck. Then the penalties kicked in. The Firebirds tied the game on the 4 on 4. Gustav Olofsson found Mitchell Stephens behind the defense. Mitchell was shot out of a cannon and snipped one past Pheonix Copley. The Firebirds got a rush up the ice win the waning seconds. Carson Rehkopf recovered a puck and got it over toe Oscar Fisker Molgaard near the net. Oscar attacked the net and found Jani Nyman closing on the other side. A pass in the pain, and Jani gave the Firebirds the lead.

3rd Period

The Reign scored the tying goal right off the face off. Jack Hughes got the puck form Jacob Doty who won the face off. In one swipe, Jack put the puck past Kokko. The rest of the period was back and forth actions with both teams getting chances.

OT

Firebirds won the face off, but couldn't get an opportunity. Both teams cycled players, but it was the Firebirds who found the back of the net for the win. Gustav Olofsson put the goal home on a nice pass from J.R. Avon and nice zone entry by Jani Nyman.

Post-Game

The Firebirds skated right with the top team in the Pacific. A good measuring stick of where they are as a group. The two points gives them a 5-point cushion from the fast-coming Silver Knights and the Gulls. The Reign couldn't capitalize on their power play chances, but they got a point on the road. The Eagles won tonight to close the gap to two games with the Reign. Both teams play again tomorrow night in Ontario. The Firebirds are currently 6-7-1-0 on the 2nd game of back-to-back nights so tomorrow is another test. The Firebirds will stay on the road for 3 more games; one against the Barracuda and two against the Eagles. After tomorrow night, the Reign will play one more home game before a 6-game road trip.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Reign	0	1	1	0	2
Firebirds	0	2	0	1	3

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028676>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Reign	Firebirds
Shots	28	24
PP	0 / 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	OT	Total
Reign	0	0	2	0	2
Firebirds	4	0	3	0	7

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Reign	1	0	0	0	1
Firebirds	0	1	0	0	1

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Reign	12	3	9	1	25
Firebirds	6	9	6	2	31

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

Zone	Reign			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	8	4	0	7	3	0
Neutral	5	0	0	10	0	0
Defense	6	0	2	11	0	0

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill