

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Calder Cup Round 1 Game 2 – Condors lead 1-0

Pre-Game

The Condors went 6-1-0-1 against the Firebirds in the regular season. Thursday night's 6-1 victor over the Firebirds continued were they left off in the regular season. The Condors are one win away from moving on. The last time the teams meet was in Coachella Valley on February 28 in which the Firebirds won in overtime 3-2. The only other Firebirds win was at home back on November 11th when they jumped out to a 6-0 lead and ended up winning 6-3. Considering the only two wins were at home, the Firebirds need to take advantage of the home ice and win the next two games. The winner of the series will play the Reign since the Silver Knights and Eagles swept their 1st round opponents 2 games to none.

1st Period

Firebirds came out fast and hard. Condors met the challenge with the physicality, but the ice tilted to the Firebirds. The Firebirds got the first goal on a 4-minute power play. Eduard Sale shot a back hand in the slot that found the back of the net. Condors had a few one and done, but they couldn't get anything going.

2nd Period

A penalty filled first half of the period that saw both teams get goals on the power play. Firebirds made it 2-0. Jani Nyman made one the intercept of the year on a clearing pass by the Condors. He moved up the ice and passed over to Jagger Firkus who fired the puck home. 3 Minutes later the Condors got a power play goal, Alec Regula got the puck on the stick side of Kokko and didn't miss the back of the net. The goal gave the Condors some life, and had a few shifts on their O-zone. The Firebirds would change that. With 6 minutes to go, the Firebirds on a rush got their 3rd goal. J.R. Avon made a move on the defense to pass the puck across the top of the paint to a waiting Mitchell Stephens who stuffed it home.

3rd Period

A wild 3rd period to finish the game. The Condors made it 3-2 on a power play goal by Quinn Hutson 2.5 minutes into the period. 4-minutes later, the Firebirds answered back. With Oscar Fiskar Molgaard getting a rebound from Ty Nelson in front of Matt Tomkins and tapping it into the goal. The Firebirds were up 4-2 at this point and they had a power play soon after, but this is the playoffs. In a 5-minute span the Condors got right back into the game. Mitchell Stephens eats a puck, goes down, and needs help off the ice. The Firebirds scrambled as the Condors went on the attack. Atro Leppanen made it 4-3, and 30 seconds later Riley Stillman tied the game 4-4 with a shot at the goal line that snuck past Kokko. The Firebirds made a push. Jacob Melanson was battling on the half wall and went down. The puck was in front of him and he made a pass to Molgaard from his knees. Molgaard turned and fired a bullet past Tomkins to get the lead back. The Condors got called for a penalty with 2-minutes left. It looked like the game was over, but the Condors pulled Tomkins. The Condors had a couple of chances, but couldn't tie the game. After the horn

sounded, Alec Regula crossed check John Hayden. The two then moved to make a statement for tomorrow's game, but the refs eventually broke it up.

Post-Game

Both teams played hard, but made sloppy mistakes that could have made the game a much higher scoring affair. The officials for the most part let the players play. The Firebirds got sloppy in the 3rd period, but they showed the resiliency to get the win. Game 3 winner take all is tomorrow. Expect spirits to run high.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Condors	0	1	3		4
Firebirds	1	2	2		5

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028984>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	15	23
PP	2 / 5	2 / 5
PIM	16	12
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
Condors	2	1	2	5
Firebirds	0	2	1	3

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Condors	1	0	0	1
Firebirds	0	0	0	0

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total
Condors	8	8	11	27
Firebirds	10	8	12	30

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

Zone	Condors			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	3	2	1	11	1	0
Neutral	10	0	0	4	1	2
Defense	7	0	4	6	2	3

ES – Even Strength, PP – Power Play, PK – Penalty Kill