

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Calder Cup Round 1 Game 3 – Series tied 1 - 1

Pre-Game

Last night, the Firebirds met the challenge to tie the series. Tonight's game will determine who goes on to play the Reign and who goes home. If the end of last night's game is any indication, expect to see a spirited contest.

1st Period

No scoring in the period. Condors had the early push, but the Firebirds eventually evened out the O-zone time. The Condors had the most shots on goal, but most of the shots were perimeter. Firebirds had a couple of grad-A scoring chances, but couldn't cash in.

2nd Period

The ice was tilted to the west. The Firebirds put on a show with 4 goals in the period., which is the best period they have had in a while. The Condors were completely out of sorts with were to go with the puck as the Firebirds limited their passing options. Each of the 4 Firebird goals were high light real. Jami Nyman from behind the goal line found JR Avon in the slot for a power play goal 2 minutes into the period. Jagger Firkus and Logan Morrison team up to stop a Condor breakout and made a close quarters puck passing that ended with Jagger firing the puck past Tomkins. 5 minutes later Jacob Melanson added the 3rd goal on a scramble around the net. Finally, Jani Nyman got his first goal of the playoffs after another scramble around the net. The Firebirds just about evened the shots on goal.

3rd Period

With the ice tilted to the west, the Condors made a push. Within the 3-minute mark, Damien Carfagna made a seeing eye shot that got past Kokko. The goal gave the Condors a little life, but a penalty slowed them down. After the Firebirds were called for a penalty, the Condor power play went to work. Quinn Hutson fired the past a screened out Kokko from the top of the zone. The mood got a little restless in the arena as the second goal gave the Condors new life. Those hopes were dashed when Jani Nyman got loose with the puck up the ice. A Condor defender draped all over him, but Jani found Logan Morrison joining him late on the rush. Logan got he puck and made the shot in one swoop. The change in direction fooled Matt Tomkins. A minute later, the Condors pulled Tomkins. Jacob Melanson freed up a puck and pushed it up the ice. The Condors defended and he got pushed behind the goal line. The puck squirted free and Oscar Fiskar Molgaard beet two defenders to the puck to tap it in for an empty net goal.



Post-Game

It was small crowd of about 5000 that saw one of the best games of the season. The Condors had a great season, but it came up a little short in the playoffs. Their star players showed up every night and didn't disappoint. The Firebirds changed tactics in this third game that stifled the Condors offense in the last two periods. Both coaches went with their top goalies. Nikke Kokko got better as the series went. Playing back-to-back nights is nothing new for him as he did this a lot in Finland. The Firebirds winning the series was an emotional one for team that slowly built itself during the regular season into a playoff contender. The Firebirds move on to play the Reign starting Wednesday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	0	0	2		2
Firebirds	0	4	2		6

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028985>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	33	27
PP	1 / 2	1 / 2
PIM	6	6
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	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Condors	0	2	1	3
Firebirds	3	2	2	7

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

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Condors	8	4	7	19
Firebirds	9	13	9	31

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

Zone	Condors			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	5	2	0	11	1	0
Neutral	7	0	0	8	0	0
Defense	4	0	1	11	0	0

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