

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ONT Reign

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Calder Cup Round 2 Game 4 – Reign lead series 2-1

Pre-Game

Firebird needs to win or go home. Both teams have played strong. Hard checking, fast puck movement, and games that are determined by a single moment. The Reign have pounced on the Firebirds mistakes and over aggressiveness. The Firebirds are 0 for 7 on the power play, which has had an impact in the series. The keys to the game tonight: Firebirds need to get the power play going, continue to stay out of the penalty box, eliminate mental mistakes, and play a full 60. The Reign need to come out hot, stay out of the penalty box, and somehow get past the Firebirds blue line defense.

Reign Playoff Stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
91	Logan Brown	F	3	2	0	2	2	0.667	1.333
21	Glenn Gawdin	F	3	1	1	2	2	0.667	1.333
71	Francesco Pinelli	F	3	1	1	2	2	0.667	1.333
27	Joe Hicketts	D	3	0	2	2	1	0.667	1.000
47	* Jack Hughes	F	3	0	2	2	1	0.667	1.000
26	Andre Lee	F	3	0	2	2	1	0.667	1.000
86	Aatu Jämsen	F	2	1	0	1	2	0.500	1.500
8	Martin Chromiak	F	3	1	0	1	0	0.333	0.333
81	Cole Guttman	F	3	1	0	1	2	0.333	1.000
46	* Kenta Isogai	F	2	0	1	1	1	0.500	1.000
24	Angus Booth	D	3	0	1	1	2	0.333	1.000
45	Jack Millar	D	3	0	1	1	1	0.333	0.667
29	Pheonix Copley	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
37	Jacob Doty	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
13	* Koehn Ziemmer	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
1	Erik Portillo	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
59	Nikita Alexandrov	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
68	* Henry Brzustewicz	D	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
17	* Kenny Connors	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
19	* Kirill Kirsanov	D	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
74	Nikita Novikov	D	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
78	* Jared Wright	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333

Firebird Playoff Stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPG
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	6	4	3	7	1	1.167	1.333
33	Jani Nyman	F	6	2	4	6	2	1.000	1.333
63	Jacob Melanson	F	6	1	4	5	4	0.833	1.500
10	J.R. Avon	F	6	3	1	4	-2	0.667	0.333
57	Jagger Firkus	F	6	2	2	4	2	0.667	1.000
96	Logan Morrison	F	6	1	3	4	1	0.667	0.833
24	Ty Nelson	D	6	1	2	3	-2	0.500	0.167
29	Lleyton Roed	F	6	1	2	3	2	0.500	0.833
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	6	1	1	2	-1	0.333	0.167
15	John Hayden	F	6	0	2	2	0	0.333	0.333
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	6	0	2	2	-1	0.333	0.167
12	Eduard Šalé	F	6	1	0	1	-6	0.167	-0.833
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	6	0	1	1	1	0.167	0.333
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	6	0	1	1	-1	0.167	0.000
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
20	Cooper Marody	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
40	* Victor Östman	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
68	Jakov Novak	F	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	6	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.333
35	Nikke Kokko	G	6	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	6	0	0	0	-7	0.000	-1.167
50	Charlie Wright	D	6	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

1st Period

Firebirds controlled the period with the most O-zone time and shots on goal, but after 14-minutes without a shot on goal, it was the Reign who got the first goal of the game. A rush up the ice, Kokko blocked the first shot that was a push, but the puck went behind the net. Aatu Jämsen passed the puck behind the net to Jack Hughes who flipped over a sprawling Kokko. The Firebirds tied the game 3-minutes later. JR Avon stuffed the puck home on a 5-seconds into a power play.

2nd Period

Firebirds continued to press the issue. At the 10 minute mark the refs factored into the game. The Firebirds got a rush up the ice and Firebird slid into the Copley and looked to have tip the puck into the net. The ref waived it off. After a discussion, they goal was disallowed. The ref saw goalie interference, and there is no video of review for goalie interference in the AHL. The crowd was not happy. The Firebirds took a penalty. It looked like this might be a moment for the Reign. The Firebirds killed off the penalty, and a minute later, Mitchell Stephens got the crowd on their feet. With a rush into the center of the O-zone, Mitchell snipped one past Copley to get the lead back. 4-minutes later Kaden Hammell made it 3-1. A nice no-look pass from Oscar Fisker Molgaard found Kaden sneaking in. Kaden didn't miss going over Copley's shoulder on the glove side.

3rd Period

The big question to start the period is will the Reign come out and dominate the period, or will the Firebirds hold serve. Lleyton Roed answered the question 4-minutes in with the 4th goal of the game for the Firebirds. 30-seconds later, the Reign got their first power play in 2 games, but failed to score on a perfect defense and keep puck keep away by the Firebirds. Into the second half of the period, both teams were assessed a penalty 3 seconds apart. First the Reign and then the Firebirds. Reign Coach Andrew Lord pull Copley to make it 5 on 4 with the face off in the Firebirds end. The Reign finally had some O-zone time, but couldn't get anything past Kokko. After the penalties ended, the game became a 6 on 4. The Reign scored their second goal. Nikita Alexandrov snipped one from the point that Kokko couldn't block going from right to left. That is as far as the Reign would get. Empty net goals by Jagger Firkus and Oscar Fisker Molgaard finished off the game.

Post-Game

The Firebirds dominate the play on the ice to push for a deciding game 5. The Firebirds got the pucks in deep and forechecked constantly. The power play goal in the 1st period was big after giving up the first goal to the Reign. Reign were having to go 200 feet constantly throughout the game. The Reign were able to get more shots on goal with all the power plays and pulling Copley out of the net in the 3rd period, but they were chasing the game at that point. The winner take all game 5 is on Saturday in Ontario.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Reign	1	0	1		2
Firebirds	1	2	3		6

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1029028>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Reign	Firebirds
Shots	28	33
PP	0 / 3	1 / 4
PIM	12	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
Reign	1	1	0		2
Firebirds	2	1	2		5

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Reign	2	2	1		5
Firebirds	2	0	0		2

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Reign	7	8	13		28
Firebirds	6	7	8		21

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

Zone	Reign			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	7	0	0	2	2	0
Neutral	13	1	0	6	0	0
Defense	5	0	2	8	0	3

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