

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: CGY Wranglers

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Pre-Game

The Wrangler snapped their 2-game losing streak against the Gulls last night. The win moves them up the early game of leap frog of the Pacific standings. Martin Frk and rookie Matvei Gridin are part of the AHL leaders in points. It is no surprise to see Frk amongst the leaders. The journeyman has consistently scored 20+ goals and 60+ points when in the AHL. The Wranglers are having trouble staying out of the penalty box, and their penalty kill percentage is near the bottom of the AHL. The NHL parent Flames have not fared so well this season, and they have had to call up a few Wranglers. Dryden Hunt and Sam Morton will not be in the lineup tonight.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
29	Martin Frk	RW	18	9	9	18	6	1.000	1.333
18	* Matvei Gridin	LW	16	7	10	17	6	1.063	1.438
15	x Dryden Hunt	LW	15	5	11	16	4	1.067	1.333
6	Rory Kerins	C	15	5	11	16	-1	1.067	1.000
11	William Strömberg	LW	17	2	12	14	8	0.824	1.294
45	x Sam Morton	C	16	4	8	12	0	0.750	0.750
48	Hunter Brzustewicz	D	18	4	7	11	1	0.611	0.667
19	Clark Bishop	C	18	3	3	6	1	0.333	0.389
36	* Aydar Suniev	LW	18	4	1	5	-9	0.278	-0.222
26	Daniil Miromanov	D	12	2	3	5	5	0.417	0.833
41	Nick Cicek	D	18	1	4	5	5	0.278	0.556
4	Jeremie Poirier	D	15	1	3	4	-7	0.267	-0.200
23	Justin Kirkland	C	4	2	1	3	-4	0.750	-0.250
2	Turner Ottenbreit	D	9	1	2	3	-1	0.333	0.222
49	* Andrew Basha	LW	14	1	2	3	-3	0.214	0.000
25	David Silye	C	12	0	3	3	-1	0.250	0.167
37	x Yan Kuznetsov	D	10	2	0	2	5	0.200	0.700
17	Lucas Ciona	LW	12	1	1	2	-2	0.167	0.000
44	* Carter King	C	16	1	0	1	2	0.063	0.188
33	* Simon Mack	D	7	0	1	1	-1	0.143	0.000
50	Ivan Prosvetov	G	12	0	1	1	0	0.083	0.083
21	* Étienne Morin	D	6	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.333
30	* Owen Say	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
20	Alex Gallant	LW	11	0	0	0	-4	0.000	-0.364

22	Parker Bell	LW	13	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-0.385
3	Artem Grushnikov	D	14	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.071

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	44	72	116	-2
Defense	11	21	32	4

*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 young Firebirds are 6-3-1-0 in the last 10 games. The line of J.R., Avon, Logan Morrison, and Jagger Firkus have been a stable goal scoring machine, but the rest of the line up cannot be discounted. Multiple Firebirds are getting on the score sheet every game to create a balanced attack. Defense needs some improvement as they are giving up too many grade A opportunities. Injuries to defensemen Gustav Olofsson and Ville Ottavainen have created a challenge, but Kokko and Östman have been strong in net. The Firebirds are in the top 10 in the power play, but they have dropped to 28th in the penalty kill. Needless to say, staying out of the penalty box is a major focus.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	15	8	10	18	2	1.200	1.333
96	Logan Morrison	F	15	9	6	15	1	1.000	1.067
10	J.R. Avon	F	14	4	7	11	3	0.786	1.000
63	Jacob Melanson	F	15	6	4	10	4	0.667	0.933
78	x Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	14	3	7	10	-3	0.714	0.500
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	14	3	7	10	0	0.714	0.714
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	15	2	7	9	-6	0.600	0.200
39	Ben Meyers	F	5	3	2	5	-2	1.000	0.600
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	14	3	2	5	-5	0.357	0.000
24	Ty Nelson	D	10	2	3	5	-2	0.500	0.300
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	13	2	3	5	6	0.385	0.846
29	Lleyton Roed	F	9	0	5	5	5	0.556	1.111
15	John Hayden	F	10	3	1	4	-2	0.400	0.200
88	David Goyette	F	15	1	3	4	-3	0.267	0.067
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	10	0	4	4	4	0.400	0.800
4	* Caden Price	D	15	0	4	4	4	0.267	0.533
68	Jakov Novak	F	7	1	2	3	1	0.429	0.571
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	12	1	2	3	-8	0.250	-0.417
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	4	1	1	2	-1	0.500	0.250
21	Ian McKinnon	F	14	1	1	2	-2	0.143	0.000

7	Zach Uens	D	2	0	2	2	2	1.000	2.000
40	* Victor Östman	G	7	0	1	1	0	0.143	0.143
35	Nikke Kokko	G	9	0	1	1	0	0.111	0.111
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	13	0	1	1	-3	0.077	-0.154
9	x Justin Janicke	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
34	x Jackson Berezowski	C	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
12	Eduard Šalé	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
50	Charlie Wright	D	10	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	45	58	103	-8
Defense	8	28	36	-1

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Head-to-Head

For two teams who cities are a distance from each other, they play each other quite a bit. The Firebirds have bounced the Wranglers out of the playoffs over the past 3 seasons. The Firebirds have a 17-9-0-0 record to Wranglers 9-15-1-1 in the past 3 seasons. The games are typically one goal affairs. The teams split the first two games in Calgary. This the Wranglers first visit to Coachella Valley. They will not be back until March. With the teams tied in the point standings, expect to see another close 1 goal game.

1st Period

The game started off with a fast start. 40 seconds into the game Eduard Sale recovered a puck on the half wall made a pass back to the Ty Nelson on the point. Ty shot the puck and the puck must have broken the sound barrier as it went cleaning back in the net. One minute later, Kaden Hammell dropped the gloves against Alex Gallant. After some blows, Kaden connected to knock the veteran Wrangler to the ice and to the locker room. It was Wranglers who took over from there. Rory Kerins got a pass in the slot and used a Firebird as a screen to tie the game. A minute later Nick Cicek was a on a 2 on 1 with Justin Kirkland. Justin made a soft pass, and Nick tip the puck home to give the Wranglers the lead. The never say die Firebirds stayed in the fight. With less than a minute to play, the Firebirds made a rush up the ice. Jagger Firkus made a shot on net, and J.R. Avon put the rebound home to tie the game.

2nd Period

A grinding period where both teams scored on the power play. At 8 minutes, Eduard Šalé picked up a left over shot from J.R. Avon and put it past Say to get the lead back. 7 minutes later, the Wranglers tied the game. None other than Frk got a shot off the half wall to tie the game back up.

3rd Period

The Wranglers rookie wouldn't be denied in the game. Matvei Gridin scored a soft goal from the half wall to give the Wranglers the lead. The Firebirds went on the attack and for the next 9 minute had most of the shots. At 10:33, Ben Meyers tip in the shot from Ty Nelson to tie the game at 4 all. It was the Wrangler turn to get the most O-zone time, but the Firebirds bent but didn't break.

Over Time

The Firebirds won the faceoff and got a breakaway. Say was up to the task stop the power move. A break down on defense left Rory Kerins alone in front of the net. Frk took the shot and Rory got the rebound to win the game for the Wranglers.

Post-Game

Another 1 goal game between these two teams. Both teams get points to continue the game of leap frog in the Pacific standings. The Wranglers continue their 7-game road trip and head off to San Jose for a game on Wednesday. Firebirds will be in San Diego on Friday and then welcome Texas for the first of two.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028037>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Wranglers	Firebirds
Shots	33	35
PP	1 / 3	1 / 1
PIM	7	11
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
Wranglers	0	1	1	0	2
Firebirds	1	0	2	0	3

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

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Wranglers	8	5	5	0	18
Firebirds	12	10	9	1	32

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

	Wranglers			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	4	0	0	4	1	0
Neutral	8	1	0	10	0	0
Defense	5	0	0	12	0	5

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill

Interesting Firebirds stats so far:

- 4 games in row (12 periods) that the team never trailed in regulation
- 2 different Firebirds got a hat-trick on back-to-back nights: Jagger Firkus (vs. BAK 11/15/25) and Jacob Melanson (vs ABB 11/16/25)
- Two goalies have an assist in the season.
- The line of J.R., Avon, Logan Morrison, and Jagger Firkus have scored at least one goal 8 games in a row. (11/7-11/23)
- The current streak of 6 games in a row where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game,.