

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: TEX Stars

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### Pre-Game

Nothing like a road trip to turn things around. The Stars have won 2 games on their current road trip with 4 games to play starting with tonight's game. They have a better road record (5-3-1-0) than at home (2-7-1-0). They took care of the Reign on Sunday after playing the Firebirds on Saturday. The two wins have kept them 7 points behind a playoff spot in the Central.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
19	Cameron Hughes	F	19	2	11	13	-6	0.684	0.368
11	* Harrison Scott	F	19	4	6	10	8	0.526	0.947
38	* Artem Shlaine	F	18	6	3	9	-2	0.500	0.389
34	Samu Tuomaala	F	16	2	7	9	-3	0.563	0.375
13	Matthew Seminoff	F	19	4	4	8	6	0.421	0.737
12	Arttu Hyry	C	13	4	3	7	-8	0.538	-0.077
17	Kole Lind	F	18	4	3	7	-6	0.389	0.056
40	Antonio Stranges	F	17	3	4	7	-3	0.412	0.235
2	* Trey Taylor	D	18	4	2	6	-2	0.333	0.222
32	Cross Hanas	F	13	2	4	6	-1	0.462	0.385
16	Curtis McKenzie	F	19	2	4	6	1	0.316	0.368
20	* Ayrton Martino	F	12	1	4	5	4	0.417	0.750
26	Michael Karow	D	17	1	4	5	3	0.294	0.471
37	Kyle Looft	D	11	3	1	4	1	0.364	0.455
22	x Kyle Capobianco	D	5	1	3	4	1	0.800	1.000
5	* Tommy Bergsland	D	12	0	4	4	1	0.333	0.417
3	* Tristan Bertucci	D	18	0	4	4	-5	0.222	-0.056
27	Jack Becker	F	18	2	1	3	3	0.167	0.333
8	Gavin White	D	15	1	2	3	-3	0.200	0.000
18	x Vladislav Kolyachonok	D	10	0	3	3	0	0.300	0.300
21	* Sean Chisholm	F	10	0	1	1	0	0.100	0.100
10	* Justin Ertel	LW	13	0	1	1	-1	0.077	0.000
30	* Arno Tiefensee	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
29	Chase Wheatcroft	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
33	*x Ben Kraws	G	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
15	x Christian Kyrou	D	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250

24	* Connor Punnett	D	4	0	0	0	3	0.000	0.750
39	*x Emil Hemming	F	5	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.200
1	Remi Poirier	G	15	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	36	55	91	-10
Defense	10	23	33	-2

*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 Firebirds had a few days regroup after the loss to the Stars on Saturday. They will get another go at the Stars tonight. The Firebirds are in the thick of the Pacific division standings where teams 2 through 9 are separated by a few points. A win tonight will help keep pace with the division.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	18	9	11	20	2	1.111	1.222
96	Logan Morrison	F	18	9	8	17	2	0.944	1.056
10	J.R. Avon	F	17	5	8	13	2	0.765	0.882
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	18	2	10	12	-6	0.667	0.333
63	Jacob Melanson	F	18	6	5	11	4	0.611	0.833
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	16	3	8	11	-4	0.688	0.438
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	15	3	7	10	-1	0.667	0.600
39	Ben Meyers	F	8	7	2	9	1	1.125	1.250
24	Ty Nelson	D	13	2	6	8	-3	0.615	0.385
15	John Hayden	F	13	5	1	6	0	0.462	0.462
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	15	3	3	6	9	0.400	1.000
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	17	3	3	6	-6	0.353	0.000
88	David Goyette	F	18	2	4	6	1	0.333	0.389
29	Lleyton Roed	F	12	1	5	6	2	0.500	0.667
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	12	0	6	6	7	0.500	1.083
12	Eduard Šalé	F	5	1	3	4	-2	0.800	0.400
4	* Caden Price	D	18	0	4	4	5	0.222	0.500
68	Jakov Novak	F	7	1	2	3	1	0.429	0.571
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	13	1	2	3	-8	0.231	-0.385
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	4	1	1	2	-1	0.500	0.250
21	Ian McKinnon	F	15	1	1	2	-2	0.133	0.000
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333

72	* Andrei Loshko	F	15	0	2	2	-2	0.133	0.000
40	* Victor Östman	G	8	0	1	1	0	0.125	0.125
35	Nikke Kokko	G	12	0	1	1	0	0.083	0.083
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
50	Charlie Wright	D	13	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.077

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	56	70	126	-4
Defense	9	36	45	6

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## Head-to-Head

They meet again. The last game looked like a blow out in favor of the Stars, but the Firebirds have that never give up DNA. The Firebirds came within a goal of tying up the game, but 4 goal deficit was a stretch too far. Stars' rookies Scott Harrison and Artem Shlaine announced themselves to the Firebirds on Saturday. On paper, the Firebirds appear to be the better team, but the similar roster +/- stats tell an underlying story. Tonight, we will see if the Firebirds implement some changes, but expect another close game.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Period

There was no score in the period, but there was a lot of action. The Firebirds were the better team as they had the most shots on goal, O-zone time, and about 7 grade A score opportunities. Most of the opportunities were on the rush. The Stars had to ice the puck 5 times. A penalty was the only thing that slowed the Firebirds down. The Stars' goalie, Remi Poirier, was the only reason the Firebirds didn't score. The Stars did have a couple moments. A bounce off the side wall popped in front of the net with Kokko behind the net. The other was on the rush that had Kokko swimming in the paint. As expected, the Firebirds made adjustments and looked much faster and more heads up than last Saturday.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

Stars made a push and were helped with an early power play. Firebirds kept up the press. It took 14 minutes, but the Firebirds got the first goal on a O-zone break-in. Ben Meyers found John Hayden going down the slot, and John didn't miss. Firebirds had several other chances to build on the score, but it was the Stars that got the next tally. With 40 seconds left, the Stars got a break on a defensive break down. Michael Karow found some open ice and made scored over Kokko's glove side.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

The Stars made a big push, and they got rewarded. Trey Taylor put the Stars ahead at the 6:30 mark. A few minutes later, the Firebirds got a 4-minute power play, but could get anything going. The rest of the period was back and forth, and the Firebirds with that never-say-die DNA kept digging. As the clock ticked down, Kokko was not removed until less than a minute. The Firebirds got the puck in low and went to the point. Ty Nelson passes to Tyson Jugnauth who shot the puck at the net. Logan Morrison was blocked out the goalie and tip the puck into the net to tie the game.

### Overtime and Shootout

Firebirds won the faceoff and had the first few chances. At 2-minutes in, it looked like the Firebirds scored a goal, but the ref waved it off to the dismay of those left in attendance. In the end, neither team could get a goal. The game went to a shootout. The shootout went to the 7<sup>th</sup> round. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard got the game winner. Kokko saved the final Stars attempt, and the Firebirds capture 2-points.

### Post-Game

As expected, the game was close. Both goalies were hot tonight, and it made scoring very difficult. It took a shootout to end this one. The biggest improvement for the Firebirds was reading and reacting to the play. The Firebirds intercepted and stole more pucks than they did on Saturday. The result was more shots on goal. The Firebirds scrapped out a well-deserved 2 points. The win moved the Firebirds into a tie with the Reign at 23 points. The Firebirds 3 goals a game streak has reached 11 games in a row. The Stars continue their road trip with 2-games against the Gulls and one more against the Reign. The Firebirds are off on a 4-game Canadian road trip to Abbotsford and Calgary. They will be back in two weeks to welcome the Barracuda and then the Condors for the Teddy Bear toss game.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT/SO	Total
<b>Stars</b>	0	1	1	0	2
<b>Firebirds</b>	0	1	1	1	3

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028088>

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

### Team Game Stats:

	Stars	Firebirds
<b>Shots</b>	29	44
<b>PP</b>	0 / 3	0 / 3
<b>PIM</b>	6	6
<b>SH</b>	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 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	Total
Stars	5	0	2	0	7
Firebirds	0	2	2	0	4

Offsides	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	Total
Stars	0	1	0	1	2
Firebirds	2	0	0	0	2

Faceoff Wins	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	Total
Stars	13	9	6	2	30
Firebirds	6	7	10	1	24

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

	Stars			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	4	3	0	9	0	0
Neutral	9	0	0	4	0	0
Defense	10	0	3	8	1	2

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 scored at least one goal 9 games in a row (11/7/25-11/28/25).
- Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5 – 0 11/28/25).
- Current: 11 games streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25).