

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: BAK Condors

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Pre-Game

The Condors have played near .500 this month, but the NHL Oilers have catapulted up the top of the Pacific standings. The Condors sit in the 8th-spot tied in points at 31 with the Silver Knights. A number of injured players are making their way back into both line ups. Quinn Hutson the top AHL rookie in points and top Condors' goal scorer is back with the Condors after getting his first NHL goal in 3 games. Moving forward the Condors will be getting stronger.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
23	* Quinn Hutson	RW	25	17	13	30	2	1.200	1.280
39	Seth Griffith	LW	28	7	19	26	-6	0.929	0.714
57	Viljami Marjala	C	28	7	17	24	-8	0.857	0.571
81	Josh Samanski	C	28	5	18	23	4	0.821	0.964
8	Sam Poulin	C	27	9	13	22	4	0.815	0.963
53	* Isaac Howard	LW	15	9	11	20	10	1.333	2.000
37	Atro Leppanen	D	28	3	17	20	-5	0.714	0.536
15	Roby Järventie	RW	24	10	9	19	3	0.792	0.917
16	x Rem Pitlick	LW	24	6	9	15	-8	0.625	0.292
68	* Rhett Pitlick	RW	27	5	7	12	-11	0.444	0.037
52	James Hamblin	C	23	7	2	9	5	0.391	0.609
46	x Max Jones	LW	17	5	2	7	-2	0.412	0.294
55	Cam Dineen	D	15	2	5	7	0	0.467	0.467
73	* Damien Carfagna	D	22	2	5	7	0	0.318	0.318
61	x Riley Stillman	D	22	2	5	7	-8	0.318	-0.045
19	Daniel D'Amato	LW	24	3	2	5	-1	0.208	0.167
78	Mason Millman	D	17	1	4	5	3	0.294	0.471
77	Luke Prokop	D	25	1	4	5	-6	0.200	-0.040
82	* Beau Akey	D	15	0	5	5	2	0.333	0.467
44	Josh Brown	D	23	0	5	5	3	0.217	0.348
43	Matvey Petrov	RW	15	3	1	4	-1	0.267	0.200
45	* Matt Copponi	C	23	2	1	3	-7	0.130	-0.174
64	* Connor Clattenburg	LW	15	1	1	2	-5	0.133	-0.200
29	x Connor Ingram	G	11	0	2	2	0	0.182	0.182
5	Tyler Inamoto	D	1	0	1	1	0	1.000	1.000
40	Connor Ungar	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
70	James Stefan	RW	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333

63	Ethan Keppen	RW	12	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.250
90	Matt Tomkins	G	17	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	96	125	221	-25
Defense	11	53	64	-11

*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.*

No matter the outcome tonight, the Firebirds will finish above .500 for the month of December. There have been some statement wins, but some painful losses. They have been holding the 5th-spot in the division for a while. Jagger Firkus continues to have a break out season, and his line mate Logan Morrison has performed equally well. The power play and penalty kill have faltered. The power play has been a dynamic threat, but has failed to get home this month. There is some good news as Jani Nyman has been reassigned to the Firebirds. Jani was a break out star last year that earned a start with the Kraken for this season. Jani has scored 4 goals and 2 assists, but hasn't got the playing time. We will see if he plays tonight. The Kraken have turned things around as they are on a 5-game points steak. Ben Meyers has been effective in his recall on the 4th line. Joining him on the 4th line is Jacob Melanson who got his first NHL point.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	28	14	16	30	9	1.071	1.393
96	Logan Morrison	F	28	14	11	25	9	0.893	1.214
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	28	4	18	22	2	0.786	0.857
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	26	6	9	15	-3	0.577	0.462
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	23	7	7	14	5	0.609	0.826
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	25	6	7	13	-8	0.520	0.200
24	Ty Nelson	D	23	3	9	12	-3	0.522	0.391
15	John Hayden	F	23	7	4	11	-3	0.478	0.348
12	Eduard Šalé	F	15	3	6	9	-2	0.600	0.467
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	22	4	4	8	12	0.364	0.909
29	Lleyton Roed	F	21	1	7	8	5	0.381	0.619
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	26	4	3	7	-7	0.269	0.000
88	David Goyette	F	28	2	5	7	-1	0.250	0.214
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	22	0	7	7	8	0.318	0.682
4	* Caden Price	D	28	0	6	6	2	0.214	0.286
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	19	1	4	5	-7	0.263	-0.105

72	* Andrei Loshko	F	22	1	3	4	1	0.182	0.227
21	Ian McKinnon	F	22	1	3	4	0	0.182	0.182
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	5	1	2	3	0	0.600	0.600
68	Jakov Novak	F	12	1	2	3	-1	0.250	0.167
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333
35	Nikke Kokko	G	19	0	2	2	0	0.105	0.105
40	* Victor Östman	G	12	0	1	1	0	0.083	0.083
9	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	20	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.150

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	82	96	178	7
Defense	13	55	68	13

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Head-to-Head

Tonight, will be the 6th meeting of the year. The final two games will be played in February. The Condors are 4-1-0-0 against the Firebirds that includes 2 over time wins. They played in back-to-back games earlier this month. Condors won both games. Being the New Year's Eve game, we will see if the Firebirds can get 2 points to end the year, and start the next year on a high note.

1st Period

Both teams came out hot. Play was back and forth throughout the period. More one and done in each zone. Condors got both goals in the period. The first was a shorthanded goal when the Firebirds fumbled the puck in the neutral zone. Sam Poulin scooped up the puck and broke away all alone. His shot went low blocker on Kokko and slipped into the net. The second goal came late in the period. Another sloppy handling of the puck and not spotting up a defender sneaking behind the defense. Ethan Keppen skated in the paint got a shot off, the puck was loose with Kokko flat on the ice, James Hamblin picked up the loose puck and lifted it into the net.

2nd Period

Condors kept the pressure on and got the 3rd goal on a slap shot from the side of the goal. Firebirds started to turn the game around and got reward with a goal of their own. Andrei Loshko got his 2nd of the season picking up a loose puck and hitting the open net. Too many penalties by the Firebirds led to the 4th Condor goal. After a great attempt to get a shorthanded goal, the Firebirds just couldn't stop a Condor relentless press.

3rd Period

The period went back and forth until the half way point. Condors got a tripping penalty, and it didn't take long to get the goal. Jani Nyman scored off the opposite face off dot 3 seconds into the penalty. Another defensive breakdown led to the 5th Condor goal. A minute later the Firebirds look got their 3rd goal. Lleyton Roed got his second of the year. Thinking the Firebirds could come back was only a thought. Condors got a 6th goal on a defensive break down, and a final empty net goal for their 7th.

Post-Game

Firebirds come out hot but defensive lapses have hurt the momentum. Condors have put the stamp on their meetings with the Firebirds. They win the battles in the corner and side boards to get slot shots by players that are not marked by the defense. Jani Nyman's return was bright spot on the game, but the Firebirds have some work to do. Both teams will meet again in a couple months. The Condors head home to play a pair against the Barracuda next week. The Firebirds hit the road this weekend to play the Gulls and Reign.

There was a post-game fireworks display after the game to celebrate New Year's Eve.



	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Condors	2	2	3		7
Firebirds	0	1	2		3

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028241>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Condors	Firebirds
Shots	35	31
PP	1 / 3	1 / 3
PIM	18	8
SH	1	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	3	1	2		6
Firebirds	3	1	1		5

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

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Condors	10	7	11		28
Firebirds	8	13	8		29

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

	Condors			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	8	2	0	7	2	0
Neutral	8	0	2	8	0	0
Defense	7	0	1	9	1	2

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill