

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SJ Barracuda

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Pre-Game

This is the last game of a three-game road trip for the Barracuda. They have had a good run over the last 10 games 6-3-0-1. They are in the middle of the Pacific division 1 point behind the Firebirds. Their rookie forward, Igor Chernyshov, is up with the Sharks, but the rest of the lineup is making an impact. The Sharks are competing in the NHL Pacific, and they are making some moves. First, they acquired goalie Laurent Brossoit and defenseman Nolan Allen from the Blackhawks and assigned them to the Barracuda. A few days ago, they acquired forward Kiefer Sherwood from the Vancouver Canucks. Ahead of this, they put journey defenseman Nick Leddy on waivers. Leddy hasn't played in the AHL in 13 years. Brossoit and Leddy are long time NHLs. They are going to make things interesting if they play tonight. Barracuda special team performance is complete opposites. The Barracuda rank #2 on the power play, but they are near the bottom on the penalty kill. A -2-goal differential kind of explains their place in the standings. Their top points leader, Filip Bystedt, was named to the AHL All Start game.

NO.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
18	Filip Bystedt	F	34	11	18	29	2	0.853	0.912
13	* Quentin Musty	F	32	8	16	24	-6	0.750	0.563
92	*x Igor Chernyshov	F	25	11	12	23	5	0.920	1.120
42	Luca Cagnoni	D	34	5	18	23	-2	0.676	0.618
40	Jimmy Huntington	F	35	6	16	22	0	0.629	0.629
16	Colin White	C	23	9	12	21	0	0.913	0.913
46	* Cam Lund	F	29	5	14	19	-6	0.655	0.448
24	Oliver Wahlstrom	RW	30	9	7	16	-7	0.533	0.300
32	Lucas Carlsson	D	34	8	8	16	-3	0.471	0.382
56	Ethan Cardwell	F	22	7	8	15	3	0.682	0.818
14	* Kasper Halattunen	F	34	7	7	14	-7	0.412	0.206
11	Egor Afanasyev	LW	29	6	8	14	-2	0.483	0.414
84	x Pavol Regenda	LW	28	4	8	12	-3	0.429	0.321
54	Patrick Giles	F	31	5	5	10	-11	0.323	-0.032
26	Jack Thompson	D	29	2	6	8	3	0.276	0.379
25	* Mattias Havelid	D	23	1	6	7	-3	0.304	0.174
22	x Vincent Iorio	D	6	0	7	7	7	1.167	2.333
7	Nolan Allan	D	32	2	4	6	-5	0.188	0.031
59	x Cole Clayton	D	33	2	3	5	-5	0.152	0.000
63	x Zack Ostapchuk	C	11	3	1	4	-4	0.364	0.000
15	Shane Bowers	F	19	1	2	3	-6	0.158	-0.158
76	Anthony Vincent	F	31	1	2	3	-12	0.097	-0.290

61	x Jake Furlong	D	12	0	2	2	-6	0.167	-0.333
86	Braden Hache	D	36	0	2	2	-8	0.056	-0.167
93	Laurent Brossoit	G	7	1	0	1	0	0.143	0.143
77	*x Michael Misa	F	2	0	1	1	0	0.500	0.500
83	Donavan Houle	F	3	0	1	1	0	0.333	0.333
41	Samuel Laberge	F	9	0	1	1	0	0.111	0.111
70	*x Noah Beck	D	2	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.500
79	*x John Gormley	D	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
67	Lucas Vanroboys	F	5	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.200
36	Jakub Skarek	G	17	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
35	Gabriel Carriere	G	20	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	93	139	232	-55
Defense	21	56	77	-21

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	13	12-6-1-2
PP	2	25.3
PK	29	76.9
Penalty Minutes per game	7	14.61
SHGF	11	.353
SHGA	23	.365

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 roaster, injured, or called up.

The Firebirds are coming off two shutouts in a row. Defense has been a problem area of recent, but they have started to clean things up, which has resulted in a 5-game winning streak. They key to protecting the house and clearing out rebounds was visible in the last two games. The power play is starting to come around and the penalty kill is getting better. Jack LaFontaine has two wins in his call up to fill in for the injured Nikke Kokko. The Firebirds have not given up a goal in 128 minutes, which is a franchise record. Jagger Firkus and Logan Morrison keep getting points every night, but the rest of the lineup has been contributing to the success, which can be a problem for other teams to defend.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Jagger Firkus	F	37	14	23	37	9	1.000	1.243
96	Logan Morrison	F	37	20	16	36	11	0.973	1.270
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	37	5	23	28	3	0.757	0.838
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	34	7	14	21	-3	0.618	0.529
15	John Hayden	F	32	10	6	16	0	0.500	0.500
63	Jacob Melanson	F	25	7	8	15	6	0.600	0.840
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
24	Ty Nelson	D	32	4	11	15	1	0.469	0.500
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	34	6	8	14	-8	0.412	0.176
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
12	Eduard Šalé	F	24	5	8	13	0	0.542	0.542
29	Lleyton Roed	F	30	3	9	12	6	0.400	0.600
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	31	1	9	10	8	0.323	0.581
33	Jani Nyman	F	9	7	2	9	2	1.000	1.222
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	35	5	4	9	-7	0.257	0.057
4	* Caden Price	D	36	2	7	9	4	0.250	0.361
88	David Goyette	F	37	2	7	9	1	0.243	0.270
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	14	1	8	9	4	0.643	0.929
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	26	4	4	8	14	0.308	0.846
21	Ian McKinnon	F	30	4	4	8	3	0.267	0.367
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	29	2	5	7	2	0.241	0.310
68	Jakov Novak	F	14	2	4	6	1	0.429	0.500
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	25	1	5	6	-5	0.240	0.040
7	x Zach Uens	D	3	0	2	2	2	0.667	1.333
35	Nikke Kokko	G	23	0	2	2	0	0.087	0.087
40	* Victor Östman	G	16	0	1	1	0	0.063	0.063
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
45	Jack LaFontaine	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	x Charlie Wright	D	20	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.150

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	109	131	240	26
Defense	18	72	90	28

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	16	19-6-2-0
PP	10	20.4
PK	24	79.1
Penalty Minutes per game	6	14.92
SHGF	9	.385
SHGA	9	.154

*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 roaster, injured, or called up.*

Head-to-Head

This is the 3rd meeting between these teams this season. Last year, the Barracuda had the Firebirds number with ex-Firebird Andrew Poturalski on the roaster. That was last year. The Firebirds have taken the first two games this season. The first game saw the Firebirds score 5 goals in a row to win 6-3. For the second game, the Barracuda tied the game twice on the power play before the Firebirds pulled away late in the 3rd period. With two veteran additions to the Barracuda roaster, tonight's game will be a good test for the Firebirds.

1st Period

Firebirds got off to a hot start. In the first minute, the puck came back to Tyson Jugnauth at the point. Tyson didn't shoot right away. He went from the top of one circle to the other a fire on night. With Firebirds in front blocking the net Brossoit didn't see the puck go past him into the net. Four minutes later, Lleyon Road rushed up the ice and with a defenseman all over him made a sweet pass over to Carson Rehkopf. Carson made a move on the Brossoit to score the second goal. The Barracuda didn't go quietly. They put the pressure on winning 7 face offs in a row and getting O-zone time with some top-grade scoring chances. Ostman stood tall and protected the net. The only penalty was called on the Firebirds with 4 seconds left in the period. The Barracuda will start the 2nd period with a fresh sheet of ice.

2nd Period

Barracuda showed why they have the #2 power play in the AHL. Colin White found the back of the net 58 seconds into the period. The Firebirds shutout streak ended 148 minutes 58 seconds. A moving screen didn't allow Ostman to see the puck. The Barracuda second goal came on a blunder by Ostman who left the net to play the puck. The puck had a mind of its own bounced off the back boards and came out the other side of the net to Oliver Wahlstrom who didn't miss the open net. After 6 minutes of nonstop hockey, the Firebirds took back the lead. In the rush, Gustav Olofsson's shot on goal bounced off the goal and was swept into the goal by Carson Rehkopf.

3rd Period

Barracuda started taking the momentum to tie the game. At one point they almost did with a puck hitting the cross bar. The on-ice officials had to review and confirm that it was no goal. 8 minutes in Gustav

Olofsson on a rush somehow made a pass to Carson Rehkoff who fired the back of the net for his 3rd goal of the game and first hat trick in the AHL. With the score 4-2, the Barracuda put on the after burners to get back in the game. Cam Lund scored at the 15-minute mark to pull the Barracuda back to within one goal. The Firebirds clamped down with the remaining time, and even with the goalie removed for the extra attacker, the Barracuda could not get the tying goal.

Post-Game

A physical game with lots of chirping between both sides. Jacob Melanson made his presence felt with extra checks on the Barracuda. Barracuda looked strong. They outshot the Firebirds and had the most O-zone time, but the Firebirds have figured out how to play defense again. Lots of clearing of rebounds and loose pucks as well as marking up players moving to goal. The coaches moving Carson Rehkoff up a line paid off. The result is that the Firebirds now have a 6-game winning streak. The Firebirds move up to 4th place in the Pacific.

The Firebirds continue the home stand with the Reign coming to town on Friday. The Barracuda head home to start a 4-game home stand starting with the Condors on Saturday.

Note: Nick Leddy didn't play in tonight's game.

	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Barracuda	0	2	1		3
Firebirds	2	1	1		4

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028378>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Barracuda	Firebirds
Shots	29	18
PP	1 / 2	0 / 2
PIM	6	8
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
Barracuda	0	0	2	2
Firebirds	2	0	2	4

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

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Barracuda	9	7	8		24
Firebirds	8	9	8		25

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

Zone	Barracuda			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	8	3	0	2	1	0
Neutral	4	1	0	8	0	1
Defense	5	0	3	11	0	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. This has happened twice this year.
- 2 different Firebirds had a hat-trick on back-to-back nights: Jagger Firkus (vs. BAK 11/15/25) and Jacob Melanson (vs ABB 11/16/25)
- Carson Rehkopf got a hat trick (vs JS 1.21.26)
- Two goalies have an assist in the season – first time since inaugural season. Kokko has 2 assists.
- 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).
- Goalie shutouts:
 - Nikke Kokko got his first regular season shutout. (vs. Gulls 5–0 11/28/2025).
 - Victor Östman got his second regular season shutout (vs. Gulls 4-0 1/17/2026)
 - Jack LaFontaine got a shutout (vs Canucks 3-0 1/18/26)
 - Victor Östman and Jack LaFontaine got shutouts on back-to-back nights. A first in Firebirds history.
- 12 game-streak where the Firebirds have scored 3 goals in a game (Started vs Col 11/5/25 – 12/6/25).
- 4-6-1-0 in the 2nd game on back-to-back nights.
- 5-5-0-0 when playing a team back-to-back with day(s) off in-between.
- 148 minutes and 58 seconds in a row without letting the other team score a goal. (Tex 2/14/26, SD 1/17/26, ABB 1/18/26, SJ 1/21/26)