

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: COL Eagles

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Pre-Game

The Eagles have fallen out of 1st place in the Pacific. They have a 4-4-0-2 record in the last 10 games. The simple reason is all the call ups to the Avalanche. The Avalanche has used their AHL affiliate wisely this season. By creating depth with the Eagles, the Avalanche have been able to make the right call ups to help sustain their record setting season so far. The strategy played out this month as some injuries required the recalls in the goalie position. Rather than carry 3 goalies in the NHL, the Avalanche opted to have 3 goalies in the AHL. These recalls have affected the Eagles nightly roaster, which has resulted in the poor results as of late. Make no mistake the Eagles are strong team. The top 5 forwards Barré-Boulet, Megna, Tynan, Nielsen, and Puustinen are contributing to the goal scoring each night. The only team that has created problems for them is the Reign who beat the Eagles this past weekend to take over 1st place. Tonight's game is the 4 of a 6-game road trip. They are 1-2-0-0 on the trip so far.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
72	Alex Barré-Boulet	C	39	13	27	40	14	1.026	1.385
21	Jayson Megna	F	39	19	13	32	15	0.821	1.205
9	T.J. Tynan	F	37	2	26	28	8	0.757	0.973
57	Tristen Nielsen	F	35	16	11	27	11	0.771	1.086
83	Valtteri Puustinen	RW	37	7	20	27	8	0.730	0.946
15	Jack Ahcan	D	29	5	19	24	15	0.828	1.345
48	Tye Felhaber	F	38	11	12	23	11	0.605	0.895
75	Danil Gushchin	F	25	12	4	16	3	0.640	0.760
5	Wyatt Aamodt	D	39	2	13	15	12	0.385	0.692
16	*x Taylor Makar	F	32	7	6	13	13	0.406	0.813
3	Ronnie Attard	D	32	2	11	13	6	0.406	0.594
45	* Alex Gagne	D	39	1	11	12	14	0.308	0.667
61	Luke Toporowski	RW	24	4	7	11	3	0.458	0.583
82	Ivan Ivan	F	35	3	8	11	0	0.314	0.314
85	Nikita Prishchepov	F	18	2	9	11	3	0.611	0.778
2	* Sean Behrens	D	26	1	10	11	9	0.423	0.769
14	Jason Polin	F	26	4	6	10	0	0.385	0.385
67	Keaton Middleton	D	39	2	7	9	17	0.231	0.667
28	Jake Wise	F	27	2	6	8	2	0.296	0.370
38	Chase Bradley	F	20	6	1	7	5	0.350	0.600
55	* Maroš Jedlička	F	22	2	4	6	5	0.273	0.500
51	Mark Senden	F	27	2	3	5	5	0.185	0.370
71	Bryan Yoon	D	22	2	2	4	3	0.182	0.318

36	Matthew Stienburg	F	8	2	1	3	-2	0.375	0.125
86	*x Reilly Connors	C	8	2	0	2	0	0.250	0.250
93	x Zakhar Bardakov	LW	1	1	0	1	1	1.000	2.000
24	* Saige Weinstein	D	3	1	0	1	0	0.333	0.333
58	* Cooper Gay	F	5	1	0	1	1	0.200	0.400
81	*x Neil Shea	F	1	0	1	1	-1	1.000	0.000
26	* Hank Kempf	D	6	0	1	1	1	0.167	0.333
50	Trent Miner	G	14	0	1	1	0	0.071	0.071
22	x Ilya Solovyov	D	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
37	Kyle Keyser	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
35	* Isak Posch	G	20	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	118	165	283	105
Defense	16	75	91	78

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	5	10-5-1-1
PP	15	19.5%
PK	6	83.6%
Penalty Minutes per game	18	12.69
SHGF	13	5
SHGA	2	1

*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 on a 7-game point streak 6-0-1-0. The overtime loss to the Reign last Friday was only a bump in the road. With several recalls and a few injuries, the Firebirds held their own against the Reign to force an over time. Tonight's game is another big test as they take on the Eagles for the 4th time this season. Jagger Firkus is still up there in the AHL point leaders. Tyson Jugnauth has slowly risen to 3rd in defensemen point leaders in the AHL, and 5th in rookie point leaders in the AHL.

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57	Jagger Firkus	F	39	14	24	38	9	0.974	1.205
96	Logan Morrison	F	39	20	17	37	12	0.949	1.256
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	39	6	23	29	2	0.744	0.795
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	35	7	14	21	-3	0.600	0.514
15	John Hayden	F	34	11	6	17	2	0.500	0.559
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	26	7	9	16	7	0.615	0.885

10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
24	Ty Nelson	D	34	4	11	15	2	0.441	0.500
12	Eduard Šalé	F	26	6	8	14	0	0.538	0.538
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	36	6	8	14	-8	0.389	0.167
29	Lleyton Roed	F	32	3	11	14	8	0.438	0.688
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	37	8	4	12	-5	0.324	0.189
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	16	1	11	12	6	0.750	1.125
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	33	1	10	11	9	0.333	0.606
33	Jani Nyman	F	11	7	2	9	2	0.818	1.000
4	* Caden Price	D	38	2	7	9	3	0.237	0.316
88	David Goyette	F	39	2	7	9	1	0.231	0.256
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	26	4	4	8	14	0.308	0.846
21	Ian McKinnon	F	32	4	4	8	1	0.250	0.281
68	Jakov Novak	F	15	2	5	7	1	0.467	0.533
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	30	2	5	7	2	0.233	0.300
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	27	1	5	6	-4	0.222	0.074
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	18	0	1	1	0	0.056	0.056
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	3	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	114	137	251	32
Defense	19	76	95	31

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	12	11-6-3-0
PP	13	19.7%
PK	24	78.8%
Penalty Minutes per game	5	14.92
SHGF	20	3
SHGA	29	6

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Head-to-Head

The Eagles won the first two games by the same score 3-1. The Firebirds were competitive in both games, but couldn't break through. The 3rd game saw the Firebirds jump out to a 3-0 lead with 3 goals in 2 minutes. This chased Trent Miner out of goal, but Isak Posch gave up 2 more goals in the 2nd period. The Eagles tied the game and sent it to overtime. The Firebirds won the game in the shootout. This was almost 3 months ago during a time when the Eagles were dominate and the Firebirds were in the chemistry build mode. Tonight's game will be a great measuring stick to see how far both teams have come since the last meeting. Barring them meeting the playoffs, this will be the last game in Coachella Valley this season. The last 4 games of the season series will be played in the Colorado on back-to-back nights in February and March.

1st Period

A very evenly played period by both teams. Shots on goal 12 each and faceoffs won 10 each. Logan Morrison got the scoring started. On a delayed penalty to the Eagles, the Firebirds were able to get the extra attacker and keep the puck on the o-zone. A pass from Tyson Jugnauth to Logan at the top of the zone. Logan walked in to put a move on an Eagles forward, tuck the stick in and shoot the puck past Keyser. The Eagles tied the score on the power play. Alex Barre-Boulet shot from the point snuck past a screen Ostman.

2nd Period

Another evenly played period. No scoring. Both teams had opportunities, but nothing got past the goalies. Firebirds will start the 3rd period on the power play.

3rd Period

The loan goal came early in the period. The Firebirds won a faceoff in the D-zone. They had the puck ready to clear the zone, but fumbled the puck on forechecking Eagles. The Firebirds tried to recover, but there was a penalty called on the Firebirds for holding. After Jack Ahcan made a shot coming down the slot, the puck bounced back into the slot where Jason Polin was waiting to put it home. Firebirds made a push the rest of the way, but couldn't get the tying goal.

Post-Game

The game could have gone either way. The Eagles were able to cash in on the power play with 2 goals. The Firebirds point streak comes to an end, but as a measuring stick the Firebirds can compete against the veteran heavy Eagles. There were several non-calls by the refs that could have tipped the scales. This weekend, the Eagles fly off to Tucson to finish off the last 2 games of their road trip against the Roadrunners. The Firebirds welcome the Gulls on Friday to finish the home stand.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Eagles	1	0	1		2
Firebirds	1	0	0		1

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028417>
 Video highlights can be seen on the Firebirds' YouTube channel: [Firebirds - YouTube](#)

Team Game Stats:

	Eagles	Firebirds
Shots	27	30
PP	2 / 4	0 / 3
PIM	8	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	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Eagles	1	2	0		3
Firebirds	0	1	2		3

Offsides	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Eagles	1	1	2		4
Firebirds	1	1	3		5

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Eagles	10	5	5		20
Firebirds	10	7	14		31

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

Zone	Eagles			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	6	1	0	11	3	0
Neutral	8	0	0	9	1	0
Defense	3	0	2	4	0	3

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill

Interesting Firebirds stats this year to date:

- 4 games in a row (12 periods) that the team never trailed in regulation – twice this season
- 15 regulation periods in a row that ended with the Firebirds not trailing in the game.
- 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). A new franchise record.