

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: COL Eagles

Date: May 13, 2026 – 7:00PM PST

Calder Cup Round 3 Game 1 – Series tied 0-0

### Pre-Game

The Eagles made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round by dispatching the Gulls 2-0 and then the Silver Nights in 4 games. Trent Minor has been stellar in net as he currently leads the AHL in wins and goals against average(GAA) for the post season. The usual suspects of Tristen Nielsen, Alex Barré-Boulet, T.J. Tynan, Alex Gagne, and Ivan Ivan have provided the offense.

The Firebirds have had to go the distance in the first two rounds to get to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round. The Condors and Reign had the better records against the Firebirds in the regular season, but the Firebirds forecheck and holding the blue line made it difficult for either team to generate consistent offense. Game 5 double overtime win over the Reign was one of the best games to witness as a hockey fan. Rookie Oscar Fisker Mølgaard leads all the AHL in goals and points in the playoffs. 2<sup>nd</sup> year players Jani Nyman and Jagger Firkus are in the top 10 in AHL stats. The Firebirds have the most goals in the AHL, and what has helped them be successful so far is the power play and getting contributions from everyone on the roster.

The last time these teams met in the regular season was in Colorado at the end of March. The Firebirds swept a back-to-back weekend series. The Eagles had a 4-2-1-1 record against the Firebirds in the regular season. The Firebirds had a 4-4-0-0 record against the Eagles. The interesting thing is that the Eagles won 3 games in CV, and the Firebirds won 3 games in Colorado. One of those games was a 2-0 shutout in Colorado behind Victor Östman. Unlike the other divisional series that will go 2-2-1, the first 2 games in be in CV and the last 3 will be in Colorado. The Fire birds need to take advantage of home ice to start the series.

### Eagles Playoff Stats

| No. | PLAYER            | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PPG   | PMPPG |
|-----|-------------------|-----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 57  | Tristen Nielsen   | F   | 6  | 5 | 2 | 7   | 5   | 1.167 | 2.000 |
| 72  | Alex Barré-Boulet | C   | 6  | 3 | 4 | 7   | 7   | 1.167 | 2.333 |
| 9   | T.J. Tynan        | F   | 6  | 2 | 5 | 7   | 5   | 1.167 | 2.000 |
| 82  | Ivan Ivan         | F   | 6  | 1 | 5 | 6   | 5   | 1.000 | 1.833 |
| 67  | Keaton Middleton  | D   | 6  | 1 | 3 | 4   | 7   | 0.667 | 1.833 |
| 14  | Jason Polin       | F   | 6  | 0 | 4 | 4   | 4   | 0.667 | 1.333 |
| 54  | Gavin Brindley    | RW  | 6  | 1 | 2 | 3   | 0   | 0.500 | 0.500 |
| 13  | * T.J. Hughes     | C   | 6  | 1 | 2 | 3   | 0   | 0.500 | 0.500 |
| 16  | * Taylor Makar    | F   | 6  | 1 | 2 | 3   | 1   | 0.500 | 0.667 |
| 45  | * Alex Gagne      | D   | 6  | 2 | 0 | 2   | 7   | 0.333 | 1.500 |
| 38  | Chase Bradley     | F   | 6  | 1 | 1 | 2   | 4   | 0.333 | 1.000 |

|    |                  |    |   |   |   |   |    |       |        |
|----|------------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|-------|--------|
| 81 | * Matt DiMarsico | LW | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1  | 0.333 | 0.500  |
| 48 | Tye Felhaber     | F  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 0.333 | 0.833  |
| 21 | Jayson Megna     | F  | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0  | 0.333 | 0.333  |
| 3  | Ronnie Attard    | D  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 0.500 | 2.500  |
| 2  | * Sean Behrens   | D  | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2  | 0.167 | 0.500  |
| 15 | Jack Ahcan       | D  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 0.250 | 0.500  |
| 5  | Wyatt Aamodt     | D  | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 0.167 | 0.833  |
| 4  | Jacob MacDonald  | D  | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0.000 | -0.167 |
| 50 | Trent Miner      | G  | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0.000 | 0.000  |

### Firebird Playoff Stats

| No. | PLAYER                  | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | +/- | PPG   | PMPPG  |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|----|---|---|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| 78  | * Oscar Fisker Mølgaard | F   | 8  | 6 | 4 | 10  | 4   | 1.250 | 1.750  |
| 33  | Jani Nyman              | F   | 8  | 3 | 5 | 8   | 4   | 1.000 | 1.500  |
| 57  | Jagger Firkus           | F   | 8  | 3 | 4 | 7   | 4   | 0.875 | 1.375  |
| 10  | J.R. Avon               | F   | 8  | 5 | 1 | 6   | -3  | 0.750 | 0.375  |
| 29  | Lleyton Roed            | F   | 8  | 2 | 4 | 6   | 3   | 0.750 | 1.125  |
| 63  | Jacob Melanson          | F   | 8  | 1 | 4 | 5   | 6   | 0.625 | 1.375  |
| 96  | Logan Morrison          | F   | 8  | 1 | 4 | 5   | 3   | 0.625 | 1.000  |
| 24  | Ty Nelson               | D   | 8  | 1 | 4 | 5   | 0   | 0.625 | 0.625  |
| 23  | Gustav Olofsson         | D   | 8  | 0 | 4 | 4   | 2   | 0.500 | 0.750  |
| 67  | Mitchell Stephens       | F   | 8  | 2 | 1 | 3   | -1  | 0.375 | 0.250  |
| 12  | Eduard Šalé             | F   | 8  | 1 | 2 | 3   | -5  | 0.375 | -0.250 |
| 15  | John Hayden             | F   | 8  | 0 | 3 | 3   | 0   | 0.375 | 0.375  |
| 43  | * Tyson Jugnauth        | D   | 8  | 0 | 3 | 3   | 1   | 0.375 | 0.500  |
| 47  | * Kaden Hammell         | D   | 8  | 1 | 1 | 2   | -1  | 0.250 | 0.125  |
| 36  | Ville Ottavainen        | D   | 8  | 0 | 1 | 1   | -1  | 0.125 | 0.000  |
| 72  | * Andrei Loshko         | F   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| 40  | * Victor Östman         | G   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| 20  | Cooper Marody           | F   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| 68  | Jakov Novak             | F   | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0   | -1  | 0.000 | -0.250 |
| 35  | Nikke Kokko             | G   | 8  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0   | 0.000 | 0.000  |
| 16  | * Carson Rehkopf        | F   | 8  | 0 | 0 | 0   | -8  | 0.000 | -1.000 |
| 50  | Charlie Wright          | D   | 8  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 2   | 0.000 | 0.250  |

**1<sup>st</sup> Period**

No scoring in the period, but there was a lot of action. 9 seconds in, Alex Gagne and John Hayden got roughing minors as both players were establish the tone in the series. Both teams felt each other out in the first few minutes. The Eagles had the better of the period, but Kokko stood tall. The Firebirds eventually found a rhythm to get some scoring opportunities.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Period**

Eagles own the period. Their first goal came almost 7 minutes into the game. Ronnie Aamodt shot from the top of the circles that between the pad and glove of Kokko. 6 minutes later, the Eagles added the second goal. A failed pitching in the offensive zone led to an outnumber attack. T.J. Hughes on the rush fired the puck past Kokko’s glove. The Firebirds had one grade A shot on the power play, but a swing and miss in the slot saw the puck go down the ice.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Period**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> period played like the 1<sup>st</sup>. Both teams getting opportunities, but neither could cash in. The Firebirds started to generate some grade A chances, but couldn’t cash in. The Eagles got an empty net goal to finish off the game.

**Post-Game**

The Eagles got their 4<sup>th</sup> shutout of the playoffs. The played as if they knew how the Firebirds were going to attack. The Eagles clogged the passing lanes and had a strong counter attack. The Firebirds are coming off an emotional high over winning the last series. The Firebirds forecheck never really go going. When it did, they had chances, but the puck wouldn’t settle. The good news for the Firebirds is that it was only 2 goals. Kokko was strong in net and gave his team a chance. Game 2 is on Friday.

|                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  | Total |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| <b>Eagles</b>    | 0               | 2               | 1               |  | 3     |
| <b>Firebirds</b> | 0               | 0               | 0               |  | 0     |

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1029045>

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

**Team Game Stats:**

|              | Eagles | Firebirds |
|--------------|--------|-----------|
| <b>Shots</b> | 32     | 20        |
| <b>PP</b>    | 0 / 2  | 0 / 3     |
| <b>PIM</b>   | 6      | 4         |
| <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.

|              | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |  | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|-------|
| <b>Icing</b> | 1               | 1               | 4               |  | 6     |

|                  |   |   |   |  |   |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Firebirds</b> | 1 | 0 | 2 |  | 3 |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|---|

|                  |                       |                       |                       |  |              |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Offsides</b>  | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |  | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Eagles</b>    | 0                     | 2                     | 0                     |  | 2            |
| <b>Firebirds</b> | 0                     | 0                     | 2                     |  | 2            |

|                     |                       |                       |                       |  |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>Faceoff Wins</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> |  | <b>Total</b> |
| <b>Eagles</b>       | 11                    | 11                    | 12                    |  | 34           |
| <b>Firebirds</b>    | 14                    | 9                     | 10                    |  | 33           |

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

| <b>Zone</b>    | <b>Eagles</b> |           |           | <b>Firebirds</b> |           |           |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                | <b>ES</b>     | <b>PP</b> | <b>PK</b> | <b>ES</b>        | <b>PP</b> | <b>PK</b> |
| <b>Attack</b>  | 10            | 1         | 0         | 6                | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Neutral</b> | 4             | 0         | 1         | 11               | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Defense</b> | 16            | 0         | 2         | 13               | 1         | 1         |

ES – Even Strength, PP – Power Play, PK – Penalty Kill