

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: COL Eagles

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Calder Cup Round 3 Game 2 – Eagles Lead Series 1-0

Pre-Game

Trent Minor and the Eagles didn't miss a beat with the 3-0 win the other night. They had the better of the physical play and strong breakout transition from defense to offense. The Firebirds had their chances, but the Eagles got the breaks. A mishandled puck by Kokko and an ill-advised defense pinching in the offensive zone that led to an outnumbered attack and score were all the Eagles needed.

Now that they have seen what the Eagles can bring, the Firebirds will need make adjustments. Loosing tonight's game would require 3 wins on the road. They are 4-0 in elimination games to start the playoff, but 3 wins on the road will be a challenge. Tonight's game is a must win for the Firebirds.

Eagles Playoff Stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
57	Tristen Nielsen	F	7	5	2	7	5	1.000	1.714
72	Alex Barré-Boulet	C	7	3	4	7	7	1.000	2.000
9	T.J. Tynan	F	7	2	5	7	5	1.000	1.714
82	Ivan Ivan	F	7	1	6	7	7	1.000	2.000
14	Jason Polin	F	7	0	5	5	6	0.714	1.571
48	Tye Felhaber	F	7	2	2	4	5	0.571	1.286
13	* T.J. Hughes	C	7	2	2	4	1	0.571	0.714
67	Keaton Middleton	D	7	1	3	4	8	0.571	1.714
38	Chase Bradley	F	7	1	2	3	5	0.429	1.143
54	Gavin Brindley	RW	7	1	2	3	0	0.429	0.429
16	* Taylor Makar	F	7	1	2	3	2	0.429	0.714
3	Ronnie Attard	D	3	2	0	2	6	0.667	2.667
45	* Alex Gagne	D	7	2	0	2	8	0.286	1.429
21	Jayson Megna	F	6	1	1	2	0	0.333	0.333
81	* Matt DiMarsico	LW	7	1	1	2	1	0.286	0.429
2	* Sean Behrens	D	6	1	0	1	2	0.167	0.500
15	x Jack Ahcan	D	4	0	1	1	1	0.250	0.500
5	Wyatt Aamodt	D	7	0	1	1	4	0.143	0.714
4	Jacob MacDonald	D	7	0	1	1	1	0.143	0.286
75	Danil Gushchin	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

71	Bryan Yoon	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	Trent Miner	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Firebird Playoff Stats

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPG
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	9	6	4	10	2	1.111	1.333
33	Jani Nyman	F	9	3	5	8	4	0.889	1.333
57	Jagger Firkus	F	9	3	4	7	3	0.778	1.111
10	J.R. Avon	F	9	5	1	6	-4	0.667	0.222
29	Lleyton Roed	F	9	2	4	6	1	0.667	0.778
63	Jacob Melanson	F	8	1	4	5	6	0.625	1.375
96	Logan Morrison	F	9	1	4	5	3	0.556	0.889
24	Ty Nelson	D	9	1	4	5	0	0.556	0.556
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	9	0	4	4	1	0.444	0.556
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	9	2	1	3	-2	0.333	0.111
12	Eduard Šalé	F	9	1	2	3	-8	0.333	-0.556
15	John Hayden	F	9	0	3	3	0	0.333	0.333
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	9	0	3	3	0	0.333	0.333
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	9	1	1	2	-2	0.222	0.000
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	9	0	1	1	-2	0.111	-0.111
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
44	* Jake O'Brien	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
40	* Victor Östman	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
20	Cooper Marody	F	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
68	x Jakov Novak	F	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
35	Nikke Kokko	G	9	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	9	0	0	0	-8	0.000	-0.889
50	Charlie Wright	D	9	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.222

1st Period

No score in the period. The Firebirds came out with more energy, but the Eagles still put on the pressure. The Eagles continue to play a strong defense by using their sticks and skate with the Firebirds to prevent easy shots on goal.

2nd Period

No scoring. The Firebirds have not scored a goal in 5 periods. Both teams had chances, but couldn't convert. Both goalies are standing tall in net.

3rd Period

After two periods, the game felt as it was head to a 0-0 tie but the dam finally broke. A little over a minute into the period, it was the Firebirds that broke the ice. On an odd man rush, the Logan Morrison found J.R. Avon who flipped it over the Trent Miners stick side. The crowd erupted. They didn't have to wait long for the next goal. A minute later, Carson Rehkopf made a pass to Eduard Sale who got the behind the defense on a break away. Eduard made a move and roofed the puck past Miner. Penalties and pushing and shoving after the whistle ramped up the rest of the period. Jani Nyman showed some feistiness as he was not going to get pushed around. J.R. Avon got the 3rd goal on another breakaway. Jani Nyman faked a shot and made a pass that found Avon who tipped it into the net. Eagles pulled the Miner with less than 3 minutes to go, but Oscar Fisker Molgaard finished the scoring with an empty net goal.

Post-Game

Anything the Eagles can do; the Firebirds did better. In a game of adjustments, the Firebirds figured out the puzzle that is Trent Minor. Coach Laxdal moved Avon up a line, and it made the difference. The Firebirds made a statement with patient play and took the opportunities in the 3rd period to tie the series. Kokko gets his 2nd shutout of the playoffs. The series moves to Colorado and becomes a best of 3. Game 3 is on Sunday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Eagles	0	0	0		0
Firebirds	0	0	4		4

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1029046>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Eagles	Firebirds
Shots	33	25
PP	0 / 4	0 / 3
PIM	10	12
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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Eagles	1	2	1		4
Firebirds	1	2	4		7

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

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Eagles	10	9	11		30
Firebirds	9	13	12		34

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

Zone	Eagles			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	13	2	0	6	1	0
Neutral	5	0	0	12	0	0
Defense	9	0	1	11	1	3

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