

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: HSK Silver Knights

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### Pre-Game

I have written about Silver Knights woes before, but here we go again. They are at the bottom of the Pacific Division. They have the worst goal differential of -42. The combined +/- for forwards and defense are in the negative numbers. The results are contradiction to their competitive play, and the NHL affiliate the Golden Knights success. With 15 games to go and 10 points out of a playoff spot, the Silver Knights will look to be a spoiler for the rest of the season.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
72	Gage Quinney	F	45	9	25	34	-22	0.756	0.267
20	x Calen Addison	D	49	3	30	33	-24	0.673	0.184
42	* Braeden Bowman	F	54	12	19	31	-4	0.574	0.500
28	Tanner Laczynski	F	31	11	19	30	-5	0.968	0.806
75	Mitch McLain	F	49	13	15	28	2	0.571	0.612
47	x Grigori Denisenko	F	42	10	14	24	-21	0.571	0.071
77	* Kai Uchacz	F	53	12	11	23	-6	0.434	0.321
36	x Raphael Lavoie	F	32	13	8	21	-7	0.656	0.438
46	Jonas Røndbjerg	F	41	8	12	20	-7	0.488	0.317
19	x Brendan Brisson	F	45	5	14	19	-24	0.422	-0.111
45	Jake Bischoff	D	49	3	16	19	-11	0.388	0.163
11	Mason Morelli	F	37	12	6	18	-10	0.486	0.216
68	Cal Burke	F	48	10	8	18	-10	0.375	0.167
12	Jakub Brabenec	F	49	8	10	18	-10	0.367	0.163
25	* Matyas Sapovaliv	F	56	9	8	17	-13	0.304	0.071
65	Dysin Mayo	D	43	6	11	17	-5	0.395	0.279
18	Robert Hägg	D	42	3	14	17	-7	0.405	0.238
44	Christoffer Sedoff	D	49	4	10	14	-10	0.286	0.082
13	Jakub Demek	F	17	1	8	9	-1	0.529	0.471
29	Lucas Johansen	D	27	0	9	9	1	0.333	0.370
26	Alexander Holtz	F	7	5	3	8	-5	1.143	0.429
89	Riley McKay	F	37	4	4	8	-1	0.216	0.189
41	Brandon Hickey	D	28	2	2	4	-9	0.143	-0.179
4	Mason Geertsen	D	23	0	4	4	0	0.174	0.174
50	* Joe Fleming	D	32	0	2	2	2	0.063	0.125
91	x Jett Jones	F	12	1	0	1	2	0.083	0.250

51	Lukas Cormier	D	4	0	1	1	-4	0.250	-0.750
5	x Daniil Chayka	D	5	0	1	1	-5	0.200	-0.800
30	* Carl Lindbom	G	26	0	1	1	0	0.038	0.038
63	* Ben Hemmerling	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
34	x Jordan Papirny	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
5	*x Chase Pauls	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
59	*x Jordan Sambrook	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
92	*x Sloan Stanick	F	2	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.500
60	x Bear Hughes	F	3	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-1.000
32	*x Jesper Vikman	G	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
53	x Simon Pinard	F	4	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.750
52	*x Artur Cholach	D	5	0	0	0	-5	0.000	-1.000
40	Akira Schmid	G	27	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	143	184	327	-151
Defense	21	101	122	-77

*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.*

The Firebirds are adjusting to the trade-deadline roster moves that see 3 key players up with the Kraken and a couple players out with injury. Keep in mind that the AHL is all about player development. We will see other players get more ice time to develop their skills. With a playoff spot assured, we will see who steps up in these final 14 games.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
33	*x Jani Nyman	F	55	26	15	41	3	0.745	0.8
39	Ben Meyers	C	47	20	21	41	-2	0.872	0.830
96	Logan Morrison	F	58	12	23	35	5	0.603	0.690
58	Max Lajoie	D	57	3	29	32	9	0.561	0.719
27	Ryan Winterton	F	47	14	17	31	7	0.660	0.809
16	Nikolas Brouillard	D	55	5	26	31	0	0.564	0.564
11	Brandon Biro	F	44	5	25	30	-3	0.682	0.614
57	* Jagger Firkus	F	55	11	18	29	8	0.527	0.673
15	x John Hayden	F	43	11	16	27	-1	0.628	0.605
29	* Lleyton Roed	F	50	13	13	26	10	0.520	0.720
24	* Ty Nelson	D	58	6	20	26	14	0.448	0.690
91	x Daniel Sprong	F	19	11	14	25	0	1.316	1.316

8	x Cale Fleury	D	36	6	18	24	9	0.667	0.917
12	* Eduard Šalé	F	40	5	14	19	7	0.475	0.650
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	47	3	13	16	-4	0.340	0.255
10	Luke Henman	F	46	6	9	15	2	0.326	0.370
17	Max McCormick	F	19	7	6	13	-4	0.684	0.474
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	54	2	10	12	12	0.222	0.444
88	* David Goyette	F	40	3	8	11	0	0.275	0.275
63	Jacob Melanson	F	29	7	3	10	1	0.345	0.379
21	Ian McKinnon	F	46	6	4	10	3	0.217	0.283
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	23	5	5	10	-3	0.435	0.304
62	Tucker Robertson	F	30	4	4	8	-2	0.267	0.200
20	Ryan Jones	D	30	0	6	6	1	0.200	0.233
52	x Tye Kartye	F	3	2	2	4	1	1.333	1.667
2	x Jake McLaughlin	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
28	Cade Borchardt	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
40	Victor Östman	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
31	x Philipp Grubauer	G	7	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	Charlie Wright	D	10	0	0	0	-4	0.000	-0.400
35	* Nikke Kokko	G	23	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Aleš Stezka	G	25	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	168	217	385	30
Defense	25	122	147	37

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**Head-to-Head:** The Firebirds played last night and lost in overtime to the Condors. The Silver Knights last game was 6 days ago so they are coming in rested. Amazingly, the Silver Knights lead the season series 3-1-0-0. All games except the game the Firebirds won have been one goal games. Both teams will play in Coachella Valley tonight and Wednesday before finishing the final 2 season series games at Henderson in April.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Period

A tight checking first period. Both teams found some O-Zone time. After the 9-minute mark, the Firebirds had a nice cycle going. Tucker Robertson pass found its way to Ville Ottavainen who sniped a goal from

the top of the circle. Less than a minute later, Kai Uchacz of the Silver Knights powered in on a Firebirds' defenseman, and flipped a puck at the night that handcuffed Kokko and snuck in for a goal. The Silver Knights got the benefit of two power plays in the period, but the Firebirds prevented zone entry or got the puck out of the zone quickly to kill the power plays.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Period

Another tight checking period. The Silver Knights got the lone goal in the period. Tanner Laczynski made a cross-ice pass to Alexander Holtz who shot that puck past Kokko who couldn't get over in time. Firebirds had couple power play opportunities. They move the puck around the zone, but couldn't get the puck on net.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Period

Firebirds pressed, but they couldn't get the tying goal. The Firebirds got into penalty trouble late, which didn't help. Silver Knights didn't break when the Firebirds pulled the goaltender.

## Post-Game

Tonight was the St. Patrick's Game, but there was no luck for the Firebirds. They played hard with a limited line up, but couldn't get over the finish line. The Silver Knights win another one-point game, and they are playing the spoiler role as expected. The Silver Knights play the Reign tomorrow, and both teams will meet on Wednesday.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	OT	Total
<b>Silver Knights</b>	1	1	0		2
<b>Firebirds</b>	1	0	0		1

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1027389>

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

## Team Game Stats:

	<b>Silver Knights</b>	<b>Firebirds</b>
<b>Shots</b>	24	35
<b>PP</b>	0 / 3	0 / 2
<b>PIM</b>	4	16
<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.

<b>Icing</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Total</b>
Silver Knights	2	2	2		6
Firebirds	0	2	0		2

Offsides	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Silver Knights	0	0	0		0
Firebirds	1	1	0		2

Faceoff Wins	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
Silver Knights	11	9	8		28
Firebirds	7	13	7		27

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

	Silver Knights			Firebirds		
Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	5	2	0	7	5	0
Neutral	5	0	0	6	1	0
Defense	15	0	1	7	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill