

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: TUC Roadrunners

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Pre-Game

The Roadrunners won the last 2 games before the AHL All Start Break. They hold the last playoff spot in the Pacific, and they have built a 6-point lead over the Silver Knights and Wranglers. Veteran forwards Ben McCartney, Cameron Hebig, and Austin Poganski lead the team in scoring. Scott Perunovich and Max Szuber are the top defensive man. Ben McCartney is in the top 6 AHL point leaders. The NHL Mammoth are fighting for a playoff spot, and last month, they had to cycle players with the Roadrunners to address injuries.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
22	Ben McCartney	F	45	21	24	45	7	1.000	1.156
39	Cameron Hebig	C	41	15	25	40	9	0.976	1.195
27	Austin Poganski	RW	43	12	20	32	9	0.744	0.953
7	Scott Perunovich	D	43	3	27	30	2	0.698	0.744
55	Max Szuber	D	41	10	13	23	8	0.561	0.756
26	* Dmitri Simashev	D	23	7	16	23	4	1.000	1.174
25	Sammy Walker	F	44	9	13	22	-5	0.500	0.386
45	* Noel Nordh	F	42	6	12	18	-6	0.429	0.286
50	* Daniil But	F	20	8	9	17	-4	0.850	0.650
17	Ty Tullio	RW	26	8	9	17	3	0.654	0.769
29	Andrew Agozzino	C	29	8	9	17	-3	0.586	0.483
21	Kevin Rooney	C	24	9	5	14	4	0.583	0.750
10	Maveric Lamoureux	D	38	3	11	14	6	0.368	0.526
8	Artem Duda	D	27	2	11	13	7	0.481	0.741
12	* Owen Allard	F	45	5	6	11	-9	0.244	0.044
23	Michal Kunc	F	28	3	8	11	-4	0.393	0.250
16	Ryan McGregor	C	32	2	8	10	3	0.313	0.406
94	Miko Matikka	F	35	4	5	9	-8	0.257	0.029
43	Julian Lutz	F	38	3	4	7	-5	0.184	0.053
79	Montana Onyebuchi	D	21	1	6	7	-4	0.333	0.143
42	Lleyton Moore	D	17	1	5	6	-3	0.353	0.176
5	Robbie Russo	D	36	2	3	5	-8	0.139	-0.083
71	Sam Lipkin	F	26	1	4	5	9	0.192	0.538
15	Jack Ricketts	F	9	2	1	3	4	0.333	0.778
4	x Juuso Välimäki	D	3	1	2	3	6	1.000	3.000
72	Jalen Luypen (total)	C	7	1	1	2	-1	0.286	0.143

44	Kevin Connauton	D	23	0	2	2	-11	0.087	-0.391
31	Matthew Villalta	G	23	0	1	1	0	0.043	0.043
49	x Maxim Barbashev	F	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
20	* Terrell Goldsmith	D	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
30	Jaxson Stauber	G	22	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	117	163	280	2
Defense	30	97	127	8

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	17	10-7-2-0
PP	16	18.6%
PK	29	74.4%
Penalty Minutes per game	27	11.47
SHGF	29	2
SHGA	12	3

*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 had a successful 4 game road trip before the AHL All Start break. They went 3-1-0-0, which included two wins against the Silver Knights who have been difficult opponent this season. The second game went to overtime on a last second goal by the Silver Knights, but the Firebirds prevailed with an overtime power play. The Firebirds are sitting in 5th place in the Pacific, and they are part of the middle grouping of playoff teams.

On the individual player side, Jagger Firkus got a couple of goals in the All Star Game, and the Pacific Division won the All Start Game. Jagger Firkus also went 4-for-4 in accuracy shooting. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard got a goal in the Olympics for Denmark. The goal came against fellow Kraken teammate Philipp Grubauer who is play for Germany.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
96	Logan Morrison	F	45	23	23	46	18	1.022	1.422
57	Jagger Firkus	F	45	17	27	44	15	0.978	1.311
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	45	6	27	33	4	0.733	0.822
78	*x Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	36	7	15	22	0	0.611	0.611
24	Ty Nelson	D	40	6	14	20	6	0.500	0.650
15	John Hayden	F	40	11	6	17	-1	0.425	0.400
12	Eduard Šalé	F	32	6	11	17	3	0.531	0.625
29	Lleyton Roed	F	38	5	12	17	7	0.447	0.632

63	x Jacob Melanson	F	26	7	9	16	7	0.615	0.885
33	Jani Nyman	F	17	11	4	15	9	0.882	1.412
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	42	7	8	15	-10	0.357	0.119
10	J.R. Avon	F	21	6	9	15	3	0.714	0.857
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	43	9	4	13	-4	0.302	0.209
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	39	2	11	13	8	0.333	0.538
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	22	1	12	13	12	0.591	1.136
4	* Caden Price	D	42	2	9	11	3	0.262	0.333
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	36	3	6	9	3	0.250	0.333
88	David Goyette	F	45	2	7	9	2	0.200	0.244
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	26	4	4	8	14	0.308	0.846
21	Ian McKinnon	F	38	4	4	8	1	0.211	0.237
68	Jakov Novak	F	20	2	6	8	2	0.400	0.500
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	33	1	5	6	-3	0.182	0.091
7	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	22	0	1	1	0	0.045	0.045
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	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	Charlie Wright	D	22	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.091

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	129	155	284	55
Defense	22	87	109	44

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	11	11-8-3-0
PP	8	21.7%
PK	31	73.0%
Penalty Minutes per game	7	15.18
SHGF	18	4
SHGA	23	6

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Head-to-Head

The Pacific Division playoff standings is divided into 3 groups. The Eagles and Reign are the top two teams, and they are 6 points ahead of the next group. The middle group consists of the Condors, Barracuda, and Firebirds, and they are 4 points head of the last two teams the Gulls and Roadrunners. The Silver Knights, Wranglers, and Canucks are well off the pace with 2.5 months left in the season. With that said, the Firebirds and Roadrunners will meet this weekend for the second and last time in the Regular season. The second year in a row that these two teams have only a 4-game series rather than 8 games. The first two games were played in Tucson on back-to-back nights in November. Firebirds won the first game, but lost the second game in overtime.

On paper, the Firebirds should be the better team, but as we have seen this season the game has to be played. A couple months between head-to-head play can be a fresh experience for both sides.

1st Period

No one would be surprised if there was a little rust, but the Firebirds scored the only goal on a twist of fate. Victor Östman tried to move a puck along, but was almost caught out of the net. The puck hit of Östman and Lleyton Roed and went on the attack. A move in the O-zone and pass to Andrei Loshko who put the puck past Matthew Villalta. Östman was rewarded with an assist. The Firebirds had a power play that produced a couple shots, but no goals. The rest of the period was a track meet as both teams moved the puck up and down the ice. The Roadrunners had a couple of opportunities, but most shots were from the point.

2nd Period

It didn't take long for the Firebirds to net another goal. 21 seconds into the game. Jagger Firkus did the work to keep the puck on the O-zone. First at the top of the zone puck movement past a defender and some skating skills to attack the net. A little pass over to Jani Nyman who put the puck home. The Firebirds got into some penalty trouble. The Roadrunners continued to build up their shots on goal, but they haven't figured out Östman. It wasn't until the last 5 minutes the Firebirds took the momentum back and made a push. Several grade A scoring chances, but Villalta held his ground.

3rd Period

No fast start this period. The Roadrunners go the early shots on goal. It took nearly 6 minutes for the Firebirds to get the next goal. Gustav Olofsson activated and got the puck on the half wall. He spotted and passed the puck to Logan Morrison in the middle of the zone. Logan was able to back track to get a lane and fired it from a partially screened out Villalta. At that moment, the Firebirds had a little more jump in their step. Their next goal came 4 minutes later. Eduard Šalé made one incredible shot that snuck past Villalta's shoulder. The Roadrunners didn't want to get shutout. Just after the halfway point in the period, a Firebird chased Andrew Agozzino behind the net leave Roadrunners attacking down the slot. Andrew made a quick pass from behind the net and found Jack Ricketss who shot it passed Östman. The goal got the Roadrunners going. Firebirds got called for a tripping penalty, the Roadrunners pulled the goalie and almost scored on themselves until the Firebirds were able to get control of the puck. Sensing the momentum change. Roadrunners coach, Steve Potvin, pulled Villalta for the extra attacker. After the penalty was over, Lleyton Roed intercepted the puck in the middle of the D-zone and shot the puck down the ice very carefully with enough speed to go into the net. As time was winding down, the Firebirds kept

going. The Roadrunners were called on delayed penalty. With the extra attacker on the ice, Gustav Olofsson snapped the 6th goal for the Firebirds.

Post-Game

A rusty start by both teams, but it was the Firebirds that took advantage of the opportunities. The Roadrunners made several pushes in the game, but the Firebird defense and Östman being in the right place kept them at bay. A touch loss for the Roadrunners who are trying to get into the middle group in the Pacific. With the Condors losing to the Gulls tonight and the Barracuda idle, the Firebirds jump to 4th place in the Pacific and a tie in points with the Condors. Both teams well meet again o Sunday for the final time in the regular season. The Firebirds are 5-5 when playing teams back-to-back with games in between. Maybe the 6th time that can get a win.

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

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028497>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Roadrunners	Firebirds
Shots	28	26
PP	0 / 4	0 / 1
PIM	2	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	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Roadrunners	3	3	1		7
Firebirds	3	0	1		4

Offsides	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Roadrunners	0	2	3		5
Firebirds	2	0	0		0

Faceoff Wins	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Roadrunners	8	13	13		34
Firebirds	12	10	10		32

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

Roadrunners	Firebirds
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Zone	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	10	3	0	11	1	0
Neutral	7	1	0	12	0	2
Defense	10	1	2	5	0	1

ES – Even Strength

PP – Power Play

PK – Penalty Kill

Interesting Firebirds stats this year to date:

- 5 games in row (15 periods) that the team never trailed in regulation.
- 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. Nikke Kokko and Victor Östman have 2 assists each.
- 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).
- 5-6-1-0 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). This is a new franchise record.