

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ONT Reign

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Pre-Game

The Reign have clinched a playoff berth, and they are in first place in the Pacific by one point over the Eagles. The Kings are still in the hunt for a playoff spot, and they are drawing from some of their top Reign players to get them over the top. The effect on the Reign is a 4-3-2-1 record in the past 10 games. Two of those losses were against the Firebirds. They come to Coachella Valley for their last game of a 6-game road trip. They are 2-3 on the road trip so far. Other than goalie Erik Portillo, the Reign don't have anyone in the top leader boards of the AHL. They have been winning by committee. Special teams is where they dominate as they are top ranking in power play and penalty kill. One detractor to special teams is that they have given up the 3rd most shorthanded goals this season.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
8	Martin Chromiak	F	64	24	25	49	-2	0.766	0.734
59	Nikita Alexandrov	F	42	9	25	34	-17	0.810	0.405
21	Glenn Gawdin	F	65	13	33	46	-3	0.708	0.662
81	Cole Guttman	F	61	21	24	45	-3	0.738	0.689
26	Andre Lee	F	58	25	18	43	11	0.741	0.931
17	* Kenny Connors	F	59	12	21	33	12	0.559	0.763
78	*x Jared Wright	F	54	17	13	30	27	0.556	1.056
71	Francesco Pinelli	F	58	12	18	30	12	0.517	0.724
86	Aatu Jämsen	F	52	15	11	26	3	0.500	0.558
13	* Koehn Ziemmer	F	50	10	12	22	9	0.440	0.620
34	x Taylor Ward	F	32	12	9	21	1	0.656	0.688
58	x Samuel Bolduc	D	56	5	16	21	7	0.375	0.500
74	Nikita Novikov	D	8	0	1	1	3	0.125	0.500
27	Joe Hicketts	D	61	3	15	18	-3	0.295	0.246
73	Jan Jenik	F	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
47	* Jack Hughes	F	53	4	12	16	-1	0.302	0.283
24	Angus Booth	D	55	1	14	15	5	0.273	0.364
14	x Akil Thomas	F	19	4	9	13	-5	0.684	0.421
19	* Kirill Kirsanov	D	62	4	9	13	6	0.210	0.306
91	Logan Brown	F	24	0	10	10	2	0.417	0.500
45	Jack Millar	D	34	2	6	8	10	0.235	0.529
55	Jakub Dvořák	D	41	4	3	7	4	0.171	0.268
7	Kyle Burroughs	D	18	1	6	7	8	0.389	0.833
10	* Otto Salin	D	41	3	2	5	-3	0.122	0.049

12	*x Tim Rego	D	14	2	3	5	6	0.357	0.786
46	* Kenta Isogai	F	24	2	3	5	-2	0.208	0.125
37	Jacob Doty	F	43	2	2	4	-10	0.093	-0.140
22	x Kaleb Lawrence	C	16	0	3	3	2	0.188	0.313
1	Erik Portillo	G	27	0	2	2	0	0.074	0.074
72	x Keaton Mastrodonato	F	4	0	1	1	-3	0.250	-0.500
33	*x Mattias Sholl	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
49	x Isaiah Saville	G	8	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
29	Pheonix Copley	G	31	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	182	249	431	33
Defense	25	77	102	43

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	4	19-14-1
PP	8	20.6%
PK	2	85.1%
Penalty Minutes per game	29	11.12
SHGF	26	4
SHGA	3	10

*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 hot. The team that struggled early in the season is now a well-oiled machine. They are 9-1-0-0 in the past 10 games. Nikke Kokko and Victor Östman have been solid in net. The team has lost some players to injury and recalls to the Kraken, but players have been stepping up. Lleyton Roed has been getting on the score sheet lately. Last season ended with injury for Lleyton, and the injury bug hit at the start of the season. He has slowly bounced back, and his speed is on full display. Copper Marody has been a nice addition. Cooper has a 1.714 PMPPG as a Firebird, which means he has contributed to almost 2 goals a game. After winning 4 points over the weekend, the Firebirds leap frogged to 4th place. They are 1 point behind the Barracuda for 3rd. The magic number is 8 points to clinch a playoff spot.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
96	Logan Morrison	F	62	27	30	57	23	0.919	1.290
57	Jagger Firkus	F	61	21	34	55	13	0.902	1.115
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	63	7	33	40	0	0.635	0.635
29	Lleyton Roed	F	56	11	23	34	23	0.607	1.018
78	*x Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	46	10	22	32	4	0.696	0.783

20	Cooper Marody	F	7	1	6	7	5	1.000	1.714
33	Jani Nyman	F	32	21	10	31	21	0.969	1.625
24	Ty Nelson	D	58	10	21	31	14	0.534	0.776
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	40	4	23	27	24	0.675	1.275
12	Eduard Šalé	F	49	11	13	24	-5	0.490	0.388
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	60	10	13	23	-13	0.383	0.167
10	J.R. Avon	F	36	9	12	21	3	0.583	0.667
15	John Hayden	F	58	11	9	20	-6	0.345	0.241
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	60	12	6	18	-2	0.300	0.267
63	x Jacob Melanson	F	26	7	9	16	7	0.615	0.885
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	44	3	12	15	10	0.341	0.568
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	49	5	9	14	4	0.286	0.367
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	36	6	6	12	16	0.333	0.778
68	Jakov Novak	F	31	4	7	11	4	0.355	0.484
4	* Caden Price	D	42	2	9	11	3	0.262	0.333
2	* Lukas Dragicevic	D	43	1	10	11	-4	0.256	0.163
88	David Goyette	F	47	3	7	10	3	0.213	0.277
21	Ian McKinnon	F	54	4	5	9	0	0.167	0.167
7	Zach Uens	D	17	1	4	5	4	0.294	0.529
35	Nikke Kokko	G	32	0	3	3	0	0.094	0.094
40	* Victor Östman	G	31	0	2	2	0	0.065	0.065
9	Justin Janicke	F	3	0	1	1	0	0.333	0.333
34	Jackson Berezowski	C	5	0	1	1	1	0.200	0.400
50	Charlie Wright	D	37	0	1	1	1	0.027	0.054
19	x Landon McCallum	F	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	176	221	397	86
Defense	34	124	158	68

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	10	19-10-3-0
PP	25	16.1%
PK	23	80.3%
Penalty Minutes per game	6	14.73

SHGF	21	5
SHGA	14	7

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Head-to-Head

The teams have played 5 of the 8 season series games. Three of those 5-games have gone to over time. The Firebirds have the edge in the record at 3-1-1-0 to the Reign 2-1-2-0. The Firebirds are coming in hot, but they need to stay out of the penalty box as the Reign are ranked 8th on the power play. Any points for the Reign are important as the Eagles are playing the Condors tonight. The Firebirds have a chance to deal a blow to the Reign and jump into 3rd place with a win.

1st Period

O-zone time, faceoffs, and shots on goal were dominated by the Reign. The Firebirds couldn't get the puck out of the D-zone, but they did have one breakaway. The Reign goal came when a Firebird fell near the blue line and Andre Lee picked up the puck for a 2 on 1. The initial shot was stopped by Kokko, but Cole Guttman was able to retrieve the rebound and push the puck over the goal line.

2nd Period

The Reign scored 4 goals in the period. Cole Guttman recorded a hat trick. The Firebirds got some sustained O-zone time, but couldn't get the puck past Copley.

3rd Period

Firebirds gave more of a push, but the Reign scored two more times to make it a blowout.

Post-Game

The Eagles won tonight so the Reign still have a 1-point lead in the Pacific. The Reign came to play. They were fast and effective on their scoring opportunities. They end their road trip at 3-3, and head home for a 3-game home stand. The Firebirds didn't have the compete in them tonight. Maybe it was the full moon or April fool's day. Every team in professional sports has a big loss once in a while, but a loss like this can be a good thing. The positive news is that the Firebirds are still in 4th place in the Pacific. They are off to play the Canucks on Friday and Saturday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	Total
Reign	1	4	2		7
Firebirds	0	0	0		0

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028802>

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

Team Game Stats:

	Reign	Firebirds
Shots	39	23
PP	1 / 2	0 / 2
PIM	4	4
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
Reign	2	2	3		7
Firebirds	2	2	3		7

Offsides	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Reign	0	0	0		0
Firebirds	3	1	0		4

Faceoff Wins	1st	2nd	3rd		Total
Reign	14	13	8		35
Firebirds	6	14	10		30

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

Zone	Reign			Firebirds		
	ES	PP	PK	ES	PP	PK
Attack	18	3	0	9	4	0
Neutral	8	0	0	5	2	0
Defense	5	0	1	9	1	0

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