

## GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ABB Canucks

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### Pre-Game

The Canucks didn't come close to defending their Calder Cup win from last year. Many players from last year's team were either called up to the Vancouver squad or they moved on to better opportunities. What was left couldn't make the same magic as last season. No individual made an appearance in any AHL leader statistics. Nils Åman is the team leader in points. Ben Berard, Ty Muller, Danila Klimovich, and Chase Wouters round out the team scoring leaders, but these top players combine for a +/- of -81. The team +/- stat is -326. The Canucks have only scored 169 goals and given up 232. The Vancouver Canucks finished dead last in the NHL and fired GM Patrik Allvin. Expect to see changes for next year. The Abbotsford Canucks bright spot is that they will not finish at the bottom of the AHL, but they are close. A win tonight would move them up to 4 or 5 place from the bottom. Tonight they will skate with one less forward and one extra defenseman. Nils Åman is not in the lineup. Rookie goalie Ty Young will start in net.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
88	Nils Åman	C	55	6	35	41	-1	0.745	0.727
29	Ben Berard	LW	62	19	17	36	-17	0.581	0.306
39	Ty Mueller	C	60	16	20	36	-19	0.600	0.283
9	Danila Klimovich	RW	62	17	14	31	-20	0.500	0.177
21	Chase Wouters	C	69	10	15	25	-24	0.362	0.014
2	Jack Thompson	D	13	3	10	13	2	1.000	1.154
13	Arshdeep Bains	LW	33	11	13	24	1	0.727	0.758
45	* Sawyer Mynio	D	57	3	18	21	-20	0.368	0.018
23	Jonathan Lekkerimäki	RW	21	13	7	20	5	0.952	1.190
48	Jimmy Schuldt	D	69	3	15	18	-23	0.261	-0.072
59	Kirill Kudryavtsev	D	43	2	16	18	-16	0.419	0.047
73	x Lukas Reichel	C	23	6	7	13	-2	0.565	0.478
90	x Victor Mancini	D	33	4	8	12	1	0.364	0.394
52	* Bennett Schimek	RW	12	5	6	11	-2	0.917	0.750
62	*x Nick Poisson	C	43	5	6	11	-7	0.256	0.093
14	Joseph LaBate	C	23	6	4	10	-15	0.435	-0.217
34	Cole Clayton	D	31	0	5	5	-4	0.161	0.032
46	* Vilmer Ariksson	LW	43	6	3	9	-28	0.209	-0.442
61	Chase Stillman	RW	24	3	6	9	-4	0.375	0.208
15	Jujhar Khaira	C	42	3	6	9	-15	0.214	-0.143
17	Dino Kambeitz	RW	63	2	7	9	-5	0.143	0.063
20	Mackenzie MacEachern	LW	21	6	2	8	-9	0.381	-0.048
4	x Jett Woo	D	26	1	7	8	-11	0.308	-0.115

72	Nikolai Knyzhov	D	60	0	7	7	-16	0.117	-0.150
93	Cooper Walker	C	36	2	4	6	-5	0.167	0.028
3	* Joe Arntsen	D	63	2	4	6	-17	0.095	-0.175
26	* Anri Ravinskis	LW	32	2	2	4	-10	0.125	-0.188
92	x Vitali Kravtsov	RW	10	1	3	4	-7	0.400	-0.300
52	x Arnaud Durandeu	LW	19	0	3	3	-7	0.158	-0.211
89	*x Jackson Kunz	C	22	0	3	3	-7	0.136	-0.182
63	x Max Sasson	C	2	2	0	2	2	1.000	2.000
68	* Riley Patterson	C	3	1	1	2	1	0.667	1.000
5	*x Tom Willander	D	5	1	1	2	-5	0.400	-0.600
55	Guillaume Brisebois	D	8	1	1	2	4	0.250	0.750
8	*x Phip Waugh	D	11	0	2	2	1	0.182	0.273
92	Jayden Grubbe	C	2	1	0	1	-2	0.500	-0.500
71	*x Josh Bloom	LW	19	1	0	1	-12	0.053	-0.579
53	*x Robby Drazner	D	2	0	1	1	-1	0.500	0.000
8	* Austin Brimmer	RW	12	0	1	1	-2	0.083	-0.083
56	x Derek Daschke	D	13	0	1	1	-2	0.077	-0.077
60	x Nikita Tolopilo	G	19	0	1	1	0	0.053	0.053
36	*x C.J. Kier	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
47	*x Jake Murray	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
75	*x Jonathan Lemieux	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
42	*x Zach Okabe	C	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
6	*x Jayden Lee	D	3	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.667
25	x Elias Pettersson	D	3	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.333
51	* Braden Birnie	LW	4	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-0.250
36	*x Aku Koskenvuo	G	9	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
53	*x Christian Felton	D	14	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.214
85	* Ty Young	G	16	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
30	Jiří Patera	G	30	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	144	185	329	-212
Defense	20	97	117	-114

	AHL Rank	Stat
Road Record	30	11-20-3-1
PP	12	19.7%

PK	31	76.6%
Penalty Minutes per game	15	12.94
SHGF	32	3
SHGA	27	6

*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 clinched a playoff spot on Tuesday with a win against the Barracuda. Last night, they sealed-up 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Pacific division with a win over the Gulls. After losing the first game of the season 5-0 to the Gulls, the Firebirds took the season series with a 6-2-0-0 record. They will play the Condors in the first round with home ice advantage. With the Seattle Kraken season over, the Firebirds got back a number of players for the post season: Kokko, Ostman, Nyman, Melanson, and Molgaard. Ben Meyers cannot return because of AHL contract and professional game rules. The overall play the last 3 games has been solid. The defense is more active in the offensive zone, and the run-and-gun style which has resulted in a lot of icings has giving away to a dump and forecheck style. The Firebirds will rest Kokko, Nelson, Melanson, Loshko, Marody, and Olofsson. Victor Ostman will start and Logan Terness will be backup.

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
96	Logan Morrison	F	67	29	32	61	23	0.910	1.254
57	Jagger Firkus	F	62	21	35	56	14	0.903	1.129
43	* Tyson Jugnauth	D	71	9	36	45	-3	0.634	0.592
29	Lleyton Roed	F	64	11	27	38	23	0.594	0.953
20	Cooper Marody	F	15	5	6	11	3	0.733	0.933
24	Ty Nelson	D	63	11	24	35	13	0.556	0.762
78	* Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	48	10	24	34	8	0.708	0.875
33	Jani Nyman	F	39	21	12	33	19	0.846	1.333
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	48	4	28	32	28	0.667	1.250
12	Eduard Šalé	F	57	12	14	26	-7	0.456	0.333
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	68	12	14	26	-16	0.382	0.147
10	J.R. Avon	F	44	10	14	24	3	0.545	0.614
15	John Hayden	F	66	13	10	23	-8	0.348	0.227
16	* Carson Rehkopf	F	68	13	6	19	-5	0.279	0.206
63	Jacob Melanson	F	28	9	10	19	9	0.679	1.000
36	Ville Ottavainen	D	52	3	14	17	12	0.327	0.558
72	* Andrei Loshko	F	51	5	9	14	3	0.275	0.333
39	x Ben Meyers	F	11	9	4	13	2	1.182	1.364
47	* Kaden Hammell	D	43	6	6	12	14	0.279	0.605
68	Jakov Novak	F	36	5	7	12	5	0.333	0.472
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	50	3	7	10	3	0.200	0.260
21	Ian McKinnon	F	54	4	5	9	0	0.167	0.167
7	Zach Uens	D	20	1	4	5	2	0.250	0.350
35	Nikke Kokko	G	35	0	3	3	0	0.086	0.086
9	Justin Janicke	F	10	0	2	2	-1	0.200	0.100
40	* Victor Östman	G	35	0	2	2	0	0.057	0.057
34	x Jackson Berezowski	C	9	0	1	1	0	0.111	0.111
50	Charlie Wright	D	45	0	1	1	0	0.022	0.022
62	*x Drake Burgin	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
30	Logan Terness	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
19	x Landon McCallum	F	3	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-0.667
45	x Jack LaFontaine	G	5	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

Totals by forwards and defense:

	G	A	PTS	+/-
Forwards	192	239	431	76
Defense	37	137	174	64

	AHL Rank	Stat
Home Record	10	19-12-4-0
PP	26	15.9%
PK	23	80.2%
Penalty Minutes per game	12	13.82
SHGF	17	7
SHGA	16	7

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## Head-to-Head

Welcome to the final game in the AHL season. All other contests should be nearing completion before this game starts. The Firebirds have won all 7 games against the Canucks. 3 of those games went to overtime and one of those was a shootout. For the Firebirds, this is a tune up game for the playoffs. A win would put them in a tie in points and winning percentage with the Silver Knights, but the Silver Knights took the season series. The Canucks are playing for pride and looking to not get swept in the season series. We will see if this is going to be a hard checking / fight filled game, or a straight up hockey skill contest. In either case, the game is for the fans as it is Fan Appreciation Night.

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

The Firebirds had most of the o-zone time, but the Canucks scored the only goal in the period. Firebirds were a little sloppy with the puck. It was defensive break down the led to the goal. Kirill Kudryavtsev got the puck alone in font of the blue paint, but held puck and made a cross-ice pass to Danila Klimovich who put it home. The crowd is so loud it is difficult to hear the whistles.

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

The Firebirds tied up the game in the first two minutes of the game. On what looked like Canucks clearing the puck, Kaden Hammell pinched on the point and then shot the puck at the net. Eduard Sale was in front of the paint to tip it in. After that it was the Canucks who took the period. On an extended o-zone time, Chase Wouters was able to get one by Ostman. Near the end of the period Ben Berad got free and fired the puck at the net that somehow handcuffed Ostman for the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal.

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

Canucks added the 4<sup>th</sup> goal with a slap shot blast by Joe Arntsen. Danila Klimovich made a pass across ice that missed his initial teammate, but Arntsen came in and made the shot that dug a deeper hole for the Firebirds. 26 seconds later, Charlie Wright got his first AHL goal, which made the score 4-2. The Firebirds couldn't get anything going to make a comeback. Even with the Ostman pulled for the extra attacker in the last 3 minutes didn't find the back of the net.

**Post-Game**

The Canucks have avoided the season sweep, and finish 29<sup>th</sup> in the league standings. Firebirds focused on getting through this game to get prepared for the playoffs. The Firebirds finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the league standings. First game will be in Bakersfield on Thursday.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Total
<b>Canucks</b>	1	2	1		4
<b>Firebirds</b>	0	1	1		2

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1028923>

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

**Team Game Stats:**

	Canucks	Firebirds
<b>Shots</b>	30	32
<b>PP</b>	0 / 4	0 / 3
<b>PIM</b>	6	6
<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>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>Total</b>
Canucks	0	2	2		4
Firebirds	2	0	0		2

<b>Offsides</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>Total</b>
Canucks	3	0	0		3
Firebirds	1	0	5		6

<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>
Canucks	7	7	12		26
Firebirds	10	13	12		35

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

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Canucks</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>	5	1	0	7	5	0
<b>Neutral</b>	10	0	0	7	0	0
<b>Defense</b>	9	0	1	12	1	3

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