

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: ONT Reign Pre-Season

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Pre-Game

The last time these teams faced off was the Game 5 of the Calder Cup Playoffs Division Round. The Firebirds won 3-2 in double overtime to cap off an emotional series between the cross-town rivals. The AHL schedule makers decided to keep the fire going by scheduling a pre-season game between the two teams and a back-to-back open game to start the season next weekend.

The Seattle Kraken started their first 2 pre-season games with a line up Firebirds and draft talent. The Firebirds didn't disappoint against the young rivels of the Canucks and Flames by winning both games 4-2. The Kraken finished 3-1 in the preseason, and they will start playing on Thursday.

Now the question is who on the Firebirds is going up to the Kraken and who will be on the Firebirds roster. There is no Olympics to address this year, but the NHL is allowing 3 goaltenders on each team. Oscar Fisker-Molgard and Nikki Kokko are going to start the season with the Kraken. The Firebirds signed 4 players during the off season: Conner Murphy, Ryan Lautenbach, Jack Randl, and Aidan Fulp. Also, with Max McCormick retiring after last season, who is going to be the new captain of the Firebirds?

1st Period

One couldn't tell that this is a preseason game with most of the regulars out of the lineup. The overall play looked solid. Both teams had chances, but the puck never found the back of the net. Firebirds clogged up the defensive zone and the Reign implemented their 1-3-1 breakout defense. Both goalies had to handle a couple of close plays, but most shots were easy to handle.

2nd Period

A little bit of pond hockey to start the period. Tyson Jugnauth got the first goal of the game from a nifty down low cross ice pass from Lleyton Roed. The Firebirds had to kill 2 penalties in the period and had back to back icings, but survived with a 1 goal lead.

3rd Period

The Firebirds started to have a little more control in the game. The Reign pulled their goalie with 2 minutes to play. Firebirds all most scored on the empty net, which would turn out to be a big miss. The Reign scored on a scramble play in front of the net with 1.3 seconds to play.

Over Time Shoot Out

Neither team scored, but the Firebirds had a minute and 30 second power play to end the OT period. The Reign got the lone goal in the shootout to win the game.

Post-Game

The teams looked like they were in mid-season form. A close and competitive hockey game from start to finish. Now both teams will use the week to see what players they get back from their respective NHL teams and set their line ups. Both teams will meet again on opening night this Friday at Acrisure Arena.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	SO	Total
Reign	0	0	1	0	1	2
Firebirds	0	1	0	0	0	1

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1030249>

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