

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SD Gulls

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Pre-Game

Only the first two games into the season and the Firebirds are making an impact on the AHL. Jani Nyman received player of the week award after getting 6 points and a hat trick. Jani Nyman, Jagger Firkus, and Tyson Jugnauth lead the AHL in points with 6. Tyson is currently the AHL's assist leader. Two games don't make a season. After an open back-to-back series with the Reign, the Firebirds take on the Gulls in the first of 8 meetings. The Gulls are tied with the Firebirds in points in the standings. Laster year, the Ducks made a deep run in the playoffs after several years not making the playoffs. Several of the Gulls were called up to help in the effort. The Gulls made the AHL playoffs, but they were swept out in the first round.

San Diego Gulls

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
7	Stian Solberg	D	2	2	2	4	4	2.00	4.00
25	Anton Wahlberg	LW	2	1	2	3	3	1.50	3.00
26	* Roger McQueen	C	2	2	0	2	0	1.00	1.00
17	Nathan Gaucher	C	2	1	1	2	3	1.00	2.50
11	James Hamblin	C	2	1	1	2	0	1.00	1.00
21	Nico Myatovic	LW	2	1	1	2	0	1.00	1.00
18	Matthew Phillips	RW	2	1	1	2	-1	1.00	0.50
16	Sean Farrell	LW	2	0	2	2	0	1.00	1.00
41	Roman Kinal	D	2	0	2	2	2	1.00	2.00
4	Jett Woo	D	2	0	2	2	4	1.00	3.00
22	Ryan Carpenter	C	2	0	1	1	0	0.50	0.50
37	* Ethan Proczynyn	C	2	0	1	1	3	0.50	2.00
39	Laurent Brossoit	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
35	* Damian Clara	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
12	* Jackson Niedermayer	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.00	-1.00
38	Konnor Smith	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.00	-1.00
3	* Matt Basgall	D	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
23	* Lucas Pettersson	LW	2	0	0	0	-1	0.00	-0.50
44	Corey Schueneman	D	2	0	0	0	-2	0.00	-1.00

19	Yegor Sidorov	RW	2	0	0	0	-1	0.00	-0.50
40	* Herman Träff	RW	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00

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CV Firebirds

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
33	Jani Nyman	F	2	5	1	6	3	3.00	4.50
57	Jagger Firkus	F	2	2	4	6	1	3.00	3.50
43	Tyson Jugnauth	D	2	0	6	6	-2	3.00	2.00
15	John Hayden	F	2	1	2	3	-3	1.50	0.00
10	J.R. Avon	F	2	1	1	2	1	1.00	1.50
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	2	1	1	2	0	1.00	1.00
12	Eduard Šalé	F	2	1	1	2	3	1.00	2.50
24	Ty Nelson	D	2	0	2	2	3	1.00	2.50
4	Caden Price	D	2	0	1	1	-1	0.50	0.00
35	Nikke Kokko	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
40	Victor Östman	G	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
2	Lukas Dragicevic	D	2	0	0	0	-1	0.00	-0.50
27	* Ryden Evers	F	2	0	0	0	1	0.00	0.50
47	Kaden Hammell	D	2	0	0	0	-2	0.00	-1.00
49	* Julius Miettinen	F	2	0	0	0	2	0.00	1.00
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	2	0	0	0	4	0.00	2.00
16	Carson Rehkopf	F	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
29	Lleyton Roed	F	2	0	0	0	-4	0.00	-2.00
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	2	0	0	0	-3	0.00	-1.50
90	* Nathan Villeneuve	F	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00

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Head-to-Head:

Last year the Ducks dominated the series with a 6-2-0-0 record. The very first game of the season was a blowout by the Gulls, but the Firebirds rebounded and took the series. They also record two shutouts against the Gulls.

1st Period

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The first 7 minutes were dominated by the Firebirds. The Firebirds outshot the Gulls 7 to 1, but the Gulls second shot slipped into the net during a scramble in front of Kokko. The Gulls then went on the forecheck to slow down the Firebirds. The Firebirds continued to get shots on goal, but nothing grade A. Too many cute passes and not enough taking of the body from the Firebirds.

2nd Period

It didn't take the Firebirds long to tie up the game. Mitchell Stephens got the party started at 2:58 with a pass from Julius Miettinen. Jani Nyman got his 6th goal of the season less than 2 minutes later. Gulls tied up the game less than 30 second. later as Matthew Phillips crashed the net. Firebirds got their 3rd goal on the power play. Eduard Šalé hit the back of the net with the pass from JR Avon. All of those goals were in the first 10 minutes. The Gulls again tied the score at 3 at 16 minutes. The Gulls took a penalty with less than 2 minutes in the period, and the Firebirds capitalized. The Gulls were unable to clear the D-zone, the Firebirds intercepted the puck. A pass from JR Avon found Logan Morrison who fired the puck past Laurent Brossoit who was sliding the wrong way.

3rd Period

Early in the 3rd, JR Avon got the 5th Firebirds goal from a shot from Tyson Jugnauth that pinballed off a few players before finding JR's twig and slipping in the net. The Gulls then went into an onslaught of shots to attempt to get back into the game. The Firebirds and Nikke Kokko didn't break. Logan Morrison finished off the night with an empty net goal.

Post-Game

The Firebirds have score at least 5 goals in their first 3 games. Scoring that many goals is great, but it can lead to getting goal happy where forward leave the D-zone without the puck and leave the defensemen outnumbered. This happened to the Firebirds in the game. First time in franchise history, the Firebirds have scored multiple power play goals three games in a row.

The Gulls head home to take in the Silver Knights tomorrow night. The Firebirds welcome back the Reign on Sunday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Gulls	1	2	0		3
Firebirds	0	4	2		6

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1029102>

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