

GAME REPORT

Home: CV Firebirds vs. Away: SJ Barracuda

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Pre-Game

The Firebirds had a tough road trip with a shutout loss against the Silver Knights and got 1 point in a weekend series against the Canucks. The trip ended on a high note with a last-minute regulation win against the Gulls. Early season struggles are not new for the Firebirds. The biggest challenge has been getting out of the D-zone and early first period goals. The Seattle Kraken are having a great start to the season, and although they have had some injuries, they have not required call ups from the Firebirds. The Firebirds have had some injuries recently. Oscar Fisker Mølgaard and Mitchell Stephens have been out the last two games. Defenseman Tyson Jugnauth is lead the team in points with 13 assists.

The Barracuda find themselves in last place in the Pacific. The are coming off a home win against the Wranglers. The goals-against is the highest in the division, and the special teams are struggling.

Barracuda

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
15	Jimmy Huntington	F	4	3	4	7	1	1.75	2.00
56	Ethan Cardwell	F	6	1	6	7	-5	1.167	0.333
18	Filip Bystedt	F	6	4	2	6	-9	1.000	-0.500
26	* Andre Gasseau	F	6	4	1	5	-1	0.833	0.667
48	* Eric Pohlkamp	D	6	0	5	5	-3	0.833	0.333
17	Brett Leason	RW	4	2	2	4	-8	1.000	-1.000
83	Donavan Houle	F	6	1	3	4	2	0.667	1.000
28	Tye Felhaber	F	6	0	4	4	-7	0.667	-0.500
79	* Thomas Messineo	D	3	2	1	3	2	1.000	1.667
67	Roland McKeown	D	6	2	0	2	-3	0.333	-0.167
72	* Leo Sahlin Wallenius	D	6	0	2	2	-7	0.333	-0.833
53	* Phillip Sinn	D	6	0	2	2	-2	0.333	0.000
75	* Brendan Hoffmann	F	6	1	0	1	-2	0.167	-0.167
24	Libor Hájek	D	6	0	1	1	0	0.167	0.167
76	Anthony Vincent	F	6	0	1	1	1	0.167	0.333
62	* Carson Wetsch	F	6	0	1	1	-4	0.167	-0.500
85	* Jake Boltmann	D	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
91	*x Cam Mitchell	C	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
89	x Wade Murphy	F	1	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-2.000
87	*x Ethan Scardina	C	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
34	x Matt Davis	G	2	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000

59	*x Samuel Huo	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
1	Eric Comrie	G	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
93	* Adam Eisele	RW	4	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.750
54	Patrick Giles	F	4	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
22	Mattias Havelid	D	5	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.600

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Firebirds

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PPG	PMPPG
43	Tyson Jugnauth	D	8	0	13	13	-5	1.625	1.00
33	Jani Nyman	F	8	8	2	10	2	1.250	1.500
57	Jagger Firkus	F	8	2	8	10	1	1.250	1.375
10	J.R. Avon	F	7	4	4	8	3	1.143	1.571
96	Logan Morrison	F	6	3	4	7	-2	1.167	0.833
49	* Julius Miettinen	F	8	2	4	6	3	0.750	1.125
12	Eduard Šalé	F	8	3	1	4	4	0.500	1.000
15	John Hayden	F	8	1	3	4	-2	0.500	0.250
24	Ty Nelson	D	6	0	4	4	4	0.667	1.333
29	Lleyton Roed	F	7	2	1	3	-2	0.429	0.143
78	Oscar Fisker Mølgaard	F	6	1	2	3	0	0.500	0.500
2	Lukas Dragicevic	D	8	1	2	3	-1	0.375	0.250
4	Caden Price	D	4	0	2	2	-1	0.500	0.250
23	Gustav Olofsson	D	8	0	2	2	0	0.250	0.250
27	* Ryden Evers	F	6	1	0	1	0	0.167	0.167
67	Mitchell Stephens	F	6	1	0	1	-2	0.167	-0.167
25	x Aidan Fulp	D	1	0	0	0	-1	0.000	-1.000
21	Ian McKinnon	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
68	Jakov Novak	F	1	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
13	Devin Kaplan	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0.000	-1.000
40	Victor Östman	G	3	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
50	Charlie Wright	D	3	0	0	0	1	0.000	0.333
84	* Alexis Bernier	D	5	0	0	0	2	0.000	0.400
90	* Nathan Villeneuve	F	5	0	0	0	-3	0.000	-0.600
35	Nikke Kokko	G	6	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
47	Kaden Hammell	D	7	0	0	0	-4	0.000	-0.571
16	Carson Rehkopf	F	7	0	0	0	-4	0.000	-0.571

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Head-to-Head:

Tonight's game is the first of 8 meeting between both teams this season. The Firebirds took the seasons series last year 6-2-0-0. The Firebirds historically have performed well against the Barracuda as the San Jose Sharks continue to rebuild the organization.

1st Period

The Barracuda came to play. They looked to hit home run passes and get behind the Firebirds defense. Getting behind the defense was how Andre Gasseau got the first goal of the game on a breakaway. A minute later, Brett Leason got a goal in traffic. After that the Firebirds settled down to get some control in the game. Lukas Dragicevic got the Firebirds on the board with a goal on a delayed penalty and 6 attackers on the ice. Alexis Bernier got an assist and his first point in the AHL.

2nd Period

The Firebirds owned the first five minutes of the period, as they held the O-zone time. The Barracuda regained their footing and got two more goals in the period. Libor Hájek got the 3rd goal at 7:32, and 8 - minutes later, Donovan Houle got the 4th goal for the Barracuda.

3rd Period

Neither team got anything going in the period. The Barracuda continued to outshoot the Firebirds in the period. With 8-minutes left, Kokko was pulled for the extra attacker. Coach Laxdal after the game said that he was looking for a spark. For a few minutes, the Firebirds controlled the O-zone, but Barracuda forward Ethan Cardwell got an empty net goal to prevent any late come back. Firebirds did get a goal with 30 seconds to play. Jani Nyman got his 9th goal of the season.

Post-Game

The Barracuda outplayed the Firebirds tonight. Considering that the Barracuda were in last place, this was a trap game for the Firebirds that they walked into mentally. The Firebirds post-game news conference was morbid. Coach Laxdal was direct in stating he was not pleased with the state-of-the-team at this point. The players got the message that they need to play better.

Credit the Barracuda who did their homework and exposed the Firebirds weaknesses in get behind a defense to create chances.

The Barracuda finished their two game road trip with the Gulls tomorrow. The Firebirds welcome the Roadrunners on Thursday.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		Total
Barracuda	2	2	2		5
Firebirds	1	0	2		2

Full game statistic can be found on the AHL site: <https://theahl.com/stats/game-center/1029176>

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