



WEEK 3 RECAP



MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
YELLOWJACKETS		2 - 4		MONARCHS
(0 - 3 - 0)		SOG: 0 SOG: 0		(1 - 2 - 0)

The Monarchs slipped past the Yellowjackets in a 4-2 victory, showcasing some speed from the start and never letting up. Sean Soares kicked off the action for the Monarchs, burying the puck at 8:20 in the first period, assisted by Mark Hayhurst. Just a few minutes later, Ben Perrotta doubled the Monarchs' lead with a crisp shot, thanks to assists from Matt McCourt and Matt Gibson. With a 2-0 lead heading into the second period, it was clear the Monarchs were buzzing while the Yellowjackets were left scrambling.

The second period saw more of the same, with Mark Hayhurst notching what would prove to be the game-winner at 9:28, assisted by Perrotta. The Yellowjackets, however, refused to go down without a fight. Eric Murray sparked hope for a comeback with a goal early in the third, assisted by Bill McIver. Just two minutes later, Scott Kelly followed suit, narrowing the gap to 3-2 and giving the Yellowjackets a glimmer of hope. The momentum had clearly shifted, but the Monarchs had other plans.

With the Yellowjackets pressing hard in the final minutes, the Monarchs sealed the deal with an empty-net goal by Steve White at 1:17, assisted by McCourt. Despite a late-game surge, the Yellowjackets couldn't overcome the Monarchs' early dominance. Both goaltenders—Howie Bumpus for the Yellowjackets and Buddy Johnson for the Monarchs—held their ground, but it was Johnson who stood tall in the clutch moments. The Monarchs skated away with a well-earned win, leaving the Yellowjackets to regroup after falling short of the sting they hoped to bring.

MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
MARINERS		3 - 2		KNIGHTS
(2 - 1 - 0)		SOG: 12 SOG: 4		(2 - 1 - 0)

In a hard-fought matchup, the Mariners sailed past the Knights in a thrilling 3-2 victory, powered by Kyle Smythe's clutch performance and some relentless third-period pressure. The Knights struck first, with Patrick Sharp lighting the lamp at 8:58 in the first period, assisted by Adam Fenton. Just minutes later, Matt Smith doubled the Knights' lead with an unassisted beauty, putting the Mariners on their heels early. But the Mariners weren't ready to sink—they rallied with a quick response at 1:11, as Kyle Smythe netted a crucial goal with help from Dave Kendrick and Mike Fay, keeping them within striking distance.

The second period belonged to the Mariners, with Collin Brennan tying things up at 2-2 with a sharp play at the 3:00 mark, assisted by Alex Lee and Mike Fay. The Knights, struggling to generate offense in the middle frame, couldn't find a way past Mariners' goalie Mike Ciavattieri, who held firm after a busy start. The shots were piling up for the Mariners, while the Knights were held to zero in the period, clearly showing the shift in momentum.

It was a hard-fought 3rd period until Smythe struck again, this time netting the game-winner with an assist from Fay with just 17 seconds left in the game. The Knights' goaltender, Mark Dwyer, put up a valiant effort, but the Mariners' offense was simply too much to handle. Despite a late push from the Knights, Ciavattieri stood tall between the pipes, sealing the Mariners' comeback win. The Knights had the early spark, but the Mariners' grit and determination earned them a well-deserved victory.



In a high-octane battle, the Threshers overwhelmed the Bulls with a 7-4 victory, showcasing an offensive masterclass that left their opponents scrambling. Duncan Morrissey got the party started for the Threshers, scoring at 8:40 in the first period, assisted by Mike Alexanian and Kevin Duggan. Jay Coulstring quickly added to the lead with a goal at 6:07, but the Bulls weren't going down without a fight. Jason O'Connell and Josh Tobias struck back for the Bulls, with Tobias netting a shorthanded goal at 00:54, making it 2-2 and injecting some life into their game. However, a late power-play tally from Travis Dupuis restored the Threshers' lead just 15 seconds before the period's end.

The second period saw the Threshers extend their dominance as Eric Johnson and John Russell added two more goals, with Johnson's being a brilliant unassisted effort at 10:34. The Bulls briefly responded through Bill Hingston and Rich Fuller, but they could never quite close the gap. Russell's goal at 1:47 proved to be the game-winner, giving the Threshers a comfortable 5-3 lead heading into the third.

The Threshers didn't let up in the final frame, with Brian Morgan and Dupuis each finding the back of the net to solidify the win. Despite a spirited performance from the Bulls, including a late goal from Fuller, their defense couldn't handle the Threshers' relentless attack. Goaltender Joe Burke was steady between the pipes for the Threshers, while Tom Andrade of the Bulls faced an onslaught he couldn't contain. In the end, the Threshers' firepower was too much, leaving the Bulls to lick their wounds and regroup for their next contest.



CLASSICS VISITOR

LONGHORNS

(0 - 3 - 0)



3 - 5

SOG: 0 SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

SPARTANS

(2 - 1 - 0)

The Spartans dominated the ice from start to finish, earning a commanding 5-3 victory over the Longhorns in a game filled with fast-paced action and highlight-worthy plays. Steve Figlioli set the tone for the Spartans, scoring twice in the first period, first at 11:32 and again at 6:56, with assists from Joe Craig, Paul Brinkmann, and Mike Cashin. Figlioli's early offensive burst left the Longhorns struggling to find answers as they trailed 2-0 by the end of the first.

The Longhorns tried to mount a comeback in the second period, with Jim Hutchinson finally breaking through at 2:32, assisted by Ed Mortell. However, the Spartans' Pete Cleary responded with an unassisted goal at 8:01 to keep the Longhorns at bay. Penalties slowed both teams' momentum, but a crucial goal by Rich Boyle at 5:38 in the third period, assisted by Brinkmann, would ultimately prove to be the game-winner for the Spartans, as they pulled ahead 4-2.

Despite a late push from the Longhorns, including a second goal from Mike Crisp at 3:04, the Spartans sealed the game with another Cleary goal at 4:00, putting the contest out of reach. Goalie Matt Nelson stood strong for the Spartans, while Brandon Cardoza of the Longhorns couldn't withstand the Spartans' relentless attack. In the end, it was a well-rounded team effort from the Spartans, as they skated away with a well-earned 5-3 win, leaving the Longhorns to ponder what might have been had they capitalized on their few chances earlier in the game

CLASSICS VISITOR

FURY

(0 - 3 - 0)



1 - 4

SOG: 29 SOG: 29



HOME CLASSICS

HAWKS

(1 - 2 - 0)

In a gritty showdown, the Hawks soared to a 4-1 victory over the Fury, powered by a relentless offensive attack and stellar goaltending from Barry Kaiser. The Hawks struck early, with Brian McKenna opening the scoring at 5:23 in the first period, assisted by Ted Duggan and Mike Pollis. The Fury struggled to gain their footing, managing just three shots in the first period as the Hawks' defense smothered any attempt

at momentum. Meanwhile, the Hawks peppered Fury goalie Dan Nason with eight shots, putting the pressure squarely on his shoulders.

The second period saw the Hawks extend their lead with what would prove to be the game-winning goal, courtesy of Jim McNeill at 3:25. Assisted by Paul Cavan and Tom Doucette, McNeill's quick wrist shot slipped past Nason, giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead. The Fury began to find their offensive stride, doubling their shot count from the first period, but Kaiser was a brick wall in net, turning away every attempt to keep his team comfortably ahead.

The third period brought more of the same, as McNeill scored his second goal of the night at 9:53, unassisted, further crushing the Fury's hopes of a comeback. Steve Lemish managed to get the Fury on the board at 6:31 with a solo effort, but it was too little, too late. Cavan iced the game with an empty-net goal in the final 30 seconds, sealing the Hawks' 4-1 win. The Hawks' balance of firepower and defensive discipline was too much for the Fury, who were left grounded in what could only be described as a dominant display by the victors.

CLASSICS	VISITOR				HOME	CLASSICS
REAPERS		2 - 8		MOUNTAINMEN		
(1 - 2 - 0)		SOG: 32	SOG: 28		(3 - 0 - 0)	

The Mountainmen unleashed an avalanche of goals on the Reapers, skating away with an 8-2 blowout victory in a game that was all but decided by the end of the first period. Led by the dynamic duo of Chris O'Keefe and Jim Daniels, the Mountainmen stormed out of the gate, netting four unanswered goals in the opening frame. O'Keefe was a one-man wrecking crew, scoring unassisted at 8:29 and assisting on Pat Scully's game-winning goal just 23 seconds later. By the time Andrew Kuhn added another at 4:50, the Reapers looked shell-shocked, unable to keep up with the relentless attack.

The Reapers showed some life in the second period, with Brook Conley and Eric Morgan each scoring to cut into the Mountainmen's lead, but the damage had already been done. O'Keefe, who was in the zone all game, scored again at 11:42 to make it 5-2, assisted by Scully. Despite the Reapers' best efforts, Mountainmen goalie Jeff Delnickas turned away 32 shots, allowing his team to play with confidence on the offensive end while the Reapers struggled to break through.

The final period was more of the same, with O'Keefe and Scully combining for two more Mountainmen goals, putting the exclamation point on a dominant performance. The Mountainmen's offensive depth was on full display, with O'Keefe scoring BOTH a hat trick AND a playmaker for a **6-point night!** Along with Scully and Kuhn each chipping in with multi-point efforts. The Reapers' goaltender Ken Menkello was left helpless as the Mountainmen cruised to an 8-2 victory, leaving the Reapers to regroup after an overwhelming defeat. [Andrew Kuhn gets named the Mountainmen POTG - Congrats Andrew!](#)

CLASSICS VISITOR

BOLTS

(3 - 0 - 0)



3 - 2

SOG: 0

SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

ASTROS

(2 - 1 - 0)

In the game of the week, and in a thrilling comeback, the Bolts surged past the Astros 3-2 in a nail-biting contest that had fans on the edge of their seats until the final whistle. The Astros came out strong in the first period, putting up two quick goals courtesy of Jim Ford and Pete O'Brien. Ford, a force on both ends of the ice, assisted O'Brien's goal after netting one himself at 11:35. With a comfortable 2-0 lead heading into the first intermission, it looked like the Astros were set to cruise.

However, the Bolts weren't ready to fold. After a scoreless second period that saw the tension ratchet up, they finally found the back of the net early in the third. Peter Lynch ignited the comeback at 3:04, banging in a slick pass from Jamie Jernegan to cut the deficit to 2-1. The momentum began to shift as the Bolts upped the pressure, and just minutes later, Jernegan was back in the mix, assisting Kevin Parrish to tie the game at 2-2.

With time winding down, the stage was set for late-game heroics, and Joe Carroll delivered in style. With just 15 seconds left on the clock, Carroll danced through the Astros' defense and fired an unassisted game-winner to seal the Bolts' 3-2 victory. Goaltender Rick Welch, standing tall between the pipes, turned away every shot in the third to preserve the win, while Astros' goalie Andrew Pelley could only watch as the game slipped away. It was a stunning comeback, showcasing the Bolts' grit and determination.