

In a thrilling overtime finish, the Threshers edged the Mariners 4-3, thanks to a game-winning goal by Jay Coulstring at 4:25 in the extra period. The back-and-forth battle showcased stellar offensive plays and clutch goaltending, but ultimately, the Threshers' resilience paid off. While the Mariners took an early lead and seemed poised to control the game, the Threshers fought back with a balanced attack and a critical late-game equalizer.

The game opened with Mariners' forward Collin Brennan striking first at 11:09 in the first period, assisted by Mike Melanson and Mike Fay. The Threshers responded in the second period, as Kevin Duggan and John Sances netted two unassisted goals in quick succession to take a 2-1 lead. The Mariners quickly evened the score with Brennan's second goal of the night, assisted by Fay and Nick Mayo, at 5:38.

In the third period, Brennan completed his hat trick with an unassisted goal at 4:41, giving the Mariners a 3-2 edge. However, with just over a minute remaining, Threshers' Mike Alexanian, assisted by Eric Johnson, tied the game at 3-3, forcing overtime. In OT, Coulstring delivered the final blow with a well-executed play, securing the Threshers' win and leaving the Mariners stunned.

The goaltenders, Mike Ciavattieri for the Mariners and Joe Burke for the Threshers, were solid throughout, but the Threshers' ability to capitalize in overtime proved decisive. The Mariners will need to regroup and find a way to close out games if they hope to bounce back from this heartbreaking loss.



The Bulls mounted a thrilling comeback to defeat the Monarchs 4-3, with Bill Hingston scoring the game-winning goal in the final 30 seconds.

The Monarchs got off to a strong start in the first period when Alex Bernstein opened the scoring at 2:21, assisted by Sean Soares and Mark Hayhurst. They extended their lead in the second period, as Hayhurst found the back of the net at 11:37 with an assist from Rian Kearney.

The Bulls answered back with two quick goals in the second period. Andy Cancellieri scored twice, first at 9:29, assisted by Bill Hingston and John Killion, and then again at 2:40, with Hingston picking up his second assist of the night.

In the third period, the Monarchs reclaimed the lead when Peter Fallon scored at 3:51, assisted by Ben Perrotta and Dan McKinney. However, the Bulls refused to back down, tying the game at 1:31 when Ben Quelle, assisted by Josh Sigsworth, scored to make it 3-3.

With the game nearing overtime, Hingston stepped up once more, scoring an unassisted goal at 00:29 to secure the Bulls' 4-3 victory. Tom Andrade earned the win in goal for the Bulls, while Buddy Johnson took the loss for the Monarchs.

The game saw only one penalty, as Brant Humfryes of the Monarchs was called for tripping at 9:32 in the third period.



The Knights edged out the Yellowjackets 2-1 in a thrilling overtime victory, thanks to Mike Coughlin's game-winning goal with just 40 seconds left in the OT period.

The Yellowjackets took the lead early in the first period when Eric Murray scored unassisted at 6:21. The Knights quickly responded, as Mike Coughlin tied the game at 4:09, assisted by Matt Smith and Bill Fisher.

After a scoreless second and third period, the game headed into overtime, where Coughlin struck again. His unassisted goal at 00:40 secured the victory for the Knights.

Goaltenders Mark Dwyer of the Knights and Howie Bumpus of the Yellowjackets both played strong games, with Dwyer earning the win. The only penalty of the game came in the second period when Drew Fitzgerald of the Yellowjackets was called for interference at 2:37.

In a tight defensive battle, the Knights managed to capitalize in the extra frame, securing the 2-1 win.



The Astros held off the Longhorns in a high-scoring game, securing a 5-4 victory with a standout performance from Jim Ford, who scored a hat trick, including the game-winning goal in the second period.

The Astros opened the scoring in the first period with Jim Ford's goal at 10:29, assisted by Adam Bellantoni. The Longhorns quickly responded with two goals in the final minutes of the period: Jim Hutchinson tied the game at 1:54 with help from Bob Sideropoulos, and Sideropoulos added another just 25 seconds later, assisted by Hutchinson and Peter McIntyre, giving the Longhorns a 2-1 lead going into the second.

The second period saw a flurry of goals. Bob Sideropoulos extended the Longhorns' lead to 3-1 at 9:00, but the Astros rallied. Vance Cochrane scored at 8:21, followed by Mike Fuller's power-play goal at 7:00 to tie the game at 3-3. Ford then netted two more goals, including the game-winner at 3:14, pushing the Astros ahead 5-3. The Longhorns fought back with an unassisted goal from Ed Mortell at 00:57, but they couldn't complete the comeback.

Andrew Pelley stood tall in net for the Astros, playing the full 36 minutes to earn the win, while Doc Smith took the loss for the Longhorns.

The only penalty of the game came in the second period when John Scagliarini of the Longhorns was called for hooking at 8:08.

Despite the Longhorns' strong start, the Astros' resilience and Ford's outstanding performance sealed their 5-4 victory.



The Bolts cruised to a 3-1 victory over the Spartans in a game dominated by special teams and solid goaltending from Rick Welch, who backstopped the Bolts to a key win.

The first period saw limited offensive action until late, when the Bolts broke through with an empty-net goal from Mark Vitello at 13 seconds remaining. Tim Cruz assisted on the play, giving the Bolts a 1-0 lead.

In the second period, the Bolts struck again with another empty-net goal, this time the game-winner, as Peter Vitello found the back of the net with help from his brother Mark. The Spartans struggled to generate offensive momentum, keeping the Bolts in control heading into the final period.

The third period saw Peter Vitello complete the Vitello brothers' scoring show with another empty-net goal, assisted again by Mark, putting the Bolts up 3-0. The Spartans managed to break Rick Welch's shutout bid with a late goal from Rich Boyle at 44 seconds, assisted by Glenn Harnish, but it wasn't enough to mount a comeback.

In terms of penalties, the Spartans were hampered by infractions. Glenn Harnish was called for roughing just 13 seconds into the game, followed by Jeff Vancura in the second period at 03:07. However, the Bolts' defense stood strong throughout.

Welch secured the win with a solid 36-minute performance in net, while Matt Nelson took the loss for the Spartans. The Bolts' combination of timely scoring and strong goaltending allowed them to claim a well-earned 3-1 victory.



In an explosive matchup, the Reapers overwhelmed the Fury with a dominant 9-5 victory, fueled by a well-balanced offense and sharp goaltending. Despite the Fury's valiant efforts, the Reapers' consistent scoring across all periods proved to be too much for their opponents.

The game started with a flurry of goals in the first period. Reapers' Sean Cannon opened the scoring at 07:18 with an assist from John Dunn. The Fury quickly responded, with Sean Vitello scoring an unassisted goal at 06:58. Fury's Nate Rasmussen added to their tally at 04:47, assisted by Dan Coletti, briefly giving the Fury a 2-1 lead.

However, the Reapers came roaring back with two more goals. John Dunn tied the game at 03:44, assisted by Brook Conley, and Sean Cannon scored his second goal of the period at 02:36, with assists from Brook Conley and Jim Polito, pushing the Reapers to a 3-2 lead by the end of the period.

The Reapers extended their lead in the second period with Eric Morgan scoring an unassisted goal at 08:21. Fury's Jay DiCarlo tried to close the gap with a goal at 05:52, assisted by Sean Vitello, but Sean Cannon continued his stellar night with another goal at 05:38, this time assisted by Kevin Brophy, putting the Reapers up 5-3.

The third period saw the Reapers solidify their control over the game. Brook Conley scored the game-winning goal at 10:18, assisted by Sean Cannon and Bill O'Neill, making it 6-3. Although the Fury's Neil Landry (09:15) and Sean Vitello (07:43) tried to ignite a comeback, their efforts were thwarted by the Reapers' relentless attack.

Brook Conley added another goal at 05:27, assisted by Cannon and Dunn, and Sean Cannon tallied his fourth goal of the game at 01:50. John Dunn closed the game's scoring at 01:39 with help from Kevin Watson, securing the Reapers' 9-5 victory.

The Reapers' goaltender, #66 Ken Menkello, played a crucial role in securing the win, keeping the Fury's shots at bay. Fury's goalie, #3 Dan Nason, played well but faced an unrelenting Reapers' offense.

Sean Cannon was the standout performer for the Reapers, with four goals and multiple assists, while Brook Conley and John Dunn provided solid support. Despite strong performances from Fury's Sean Vitello and Nate Rasmussen, the Fury couldn't keep pace with the Reapers' explosive offense.

With this victory, the Reapers showed why they are a force to be reckoned with, leaving the Fury searching for answers after a hard-fought game.



The Mountainmen secured a 5-3 victory over the Hawks in an intense matchup. The first period saw the Mountainmen dominate early, with Chris O'Keefe opening the scoring at 10:50, assisted by Jim Daniels and Greg McKenna. George Levoy extended their lead with a goal at 02:10, assisted by Mike Monahan, giving the Mountainmen a comfortable 2-0 lead going into the second period.

The Hawks mounted a strong comeback in the second period, with Justin Stratton scoring at 07:22, assisted by Kevin Gee and Mike Pollis. Moments later, John Davey tied the game at 03:36, followed by another goal from Stratton at 03:27, putting the Hawks in front. However, the Mountainmen quickly responded, with O'Keefe netting his second goal of the night at 00:27 to level the score once more.

In the third period, Jim Daniels scored the game-winning goal at 02:54, assisted by Greg McKenna. The Hawks' hopes of a comeback were dashed when Todd Schmidt scored a shorthanded, empty-net goal at 00:15, securing the 5-3 win for the Mountainmen. Goaltender Mark Frano played a full 36 minutes, keeping the Hawks scoreless in the first and third periods, while Barry Kaiser faced the steep challenge of containing the Mountainmen's relentless offense.