



## WEEK 4

### RECAP



MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
<b>MONARCHS</b>		<b>4 - 3</b>		<b>KNIGHTS</b>
( 2 - 2 - 0 )		SOG: 0      SOG: 0		( 2 - 2 - 0 )

In a game defined by dramatic swings and a thrilling overtime finish, the Monarchs edged out the Knights 4-3 with an unforgettable performance by Steve White. The Monarchs got on the board early in the first period with White's opening goal, assisted by Ben Perrotta and Jason Standish. The Knights, however, responded fiercely in the second period, with Brian Pineau and Mike Dwyer scoring two quick goals to take a 2-1 lead, putting the Monarchs on their heels.

As the third period unfolded, the Knights extended their lead with a goal from Mike Ransom, assisted by Adam Fenton and Chad Gillpatrick. It looked like the game might be out of reach for the Monarchs, but Sean Soares sparked a rally at 08:24, closing the gap to 3-2. A power-play opportunity soon followed, and Dan McKinney took full advantage, tying the game at 3-3 with under four minutes left. Both teams fought desperately to avoid overtime, but the buzzer signaled an extra period.

The overtime was brief but electric. Just over two minutes in, Steve White returned as the hero, scoring the game-winning goal off a beautiful setup from Sean Soares and Brant Humfryes. Buddy Johnson stood tall in goal for the Monarchs, making key saves to hold the Knights at bay. With that, the Monarchs clinched a 4-3 victory, sending their fans into a frenzy and leaving the Knights wondering what might have been.

MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
<b>THREASHERS</b>		<b>3 - 8</b>		<b>YELLOWJACKETS</b>
( 3 - 1 - 0 )		SOG: 0      SOG: 0		( 1 - 3 - 0 )

The Yellowjackets soared to an 8-3 victory over a very shorthanded Threshers squad in a commanding performance that left no doubt as to which team was in control. It all started with an early first-period goal by Eric Johnson of the

Threshers, giving them a brief glimmer of hope. But the Yellowjackets quickly turned the game around with a trio of goals within nine minutes. Eric Murray opened the scoring for the Yellowjackets at 08:18, followed by Ryan Twigg and Murray again to finish the period with a 3-1 lead. The Threshers were left scrambling to keep up.

The second period was all Yellowjackets, and Eric Murray was the name on everyone's lips. With a hat trick by 08:45, Murray essentially iced the game, unassisted on his third goal. The Yellowjackets' offensive onslaught continued with additional strikes from Chris Boussy and Ryan Twigg, who found the net in rapid succession. The Threshers looked outmatched, and Joe Burke in goal could only watch as his defense crumbled under the pressure. A glimmer of resistance came in the form of a last-second unassisted goal from Eric Johnson, but the damage was done, with the Threshers trailing 7-2 heading into the final period.

The third period was a mere formality, though Matt Kennedy extended the Yellowjackets' lead with a goal at 10:24. Eric Johnson completed his hat trick for the Threshers with a goal at 01:54, but it was too little, too late. Goalie Howie Bumpus was stellar for the Yellowjackets, and their defense ensured the Threshers had no chance at a comeback. With an 8-3 final score, the Yellowjackets flew away with a resounding win, leaving the Threshers to regroup after a humbling defeat.

MASTERS	VISITOR				HOME	MASTERS
<b>BULLS</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>MARINERS</b>
( 1 - 3 - 0 )		SOG: 0		SOG: 0		( 3 - 1 - 0 )

In a battle that saw the Bulls and Mariners exchange blows, it was the Mariners who ultimately sailed to a 5-2 victory, thanks to a well-balanced offensive showing and airtight goaltending from Mike Ciavattieri. The first period set the tone, with the Mariners striking first at 10:12 when Mike Tantillo buried a pass from Peter Krukiel. The Bulls answered quickly, however, with Marty Carabin leveling the score off a slick setup from Mike DeBenedictis and Rich Fuller. The period ended in a 1-1 stalemate, but it was clear the Mariners were just getting started.

The second period saw the Mariners shift into high gear. Kyle Smythe went unassisted to give them the lead at 9:31, but a Bulls' power-play goal from Jason O'Connell tied things up at 2-2. With tensions mounting, Dave Kendrick of the Mariners delivered the game-winner at 2:28, assisted by Rob McDonnell and Collin Brennan. Just over 30 seconds later, Brennan himself notched a goal, extending the Mariners' lead to 4-2 and leaving the Bulls scrambling to keep up.

The third period was all Mariners. Rob McDonnell added a final dagger at 4:55, making it 5-2 and putting the game out of reach. Tom Andrade held his own in net for the Bulls, but Ciavattieri's brilliant performance kept the Mariners on top. The Bulls' offense couldn't find an answer, and as the clock ran out, the Mariners sailed smoothly to a commanding victory, cementing their dominance on both ends of the ice.



CLASSICS VISITOR

**SPARTANS**

( 3 - 1 - 0 )



**2 - 0**

SOG: 5

SOG: 5



HOME CLASSICS

**FURY**

( 0 - 4 - 0 )

In a low-scoring but high-intensity matchup, the Spartans edged out the Fury 2-0, relying on clutch goaltending and timely offense. The tone of the game was set early on as Spartans' forward Jeff Vancura broke the deadlock with an unassisted goal at 5:42 of the first period. His slick solo effort gave the Spartans the lead, one they would fiercely defend for the rest of the contest. The Fury, while matching the Spartans in shots throughout, couldn't find a way past Brandon Cardoza, who stood tall between the pipes for a flawless performance.

The second period saw the Spartans build on their momentum with Bill Petrarca doubling their advantage at 11:23, thanks to assists from Mike Martin and Pete Cleary. While the Fury pressed forward, hoping to get on the scoreboard, Cardoza remained impenetrable, denying their attempts with cat-like reflexes. Dan Nason, the Fury's netminder, was equally sharp, but his efforts weren't enough to stop the Spartans from pulling away.

Despite a spirited third period from the Fury, the game fizzled out without further goals. With no penalties throughout the game, it was a clean but hard-fought contest, dominated by defensive discipline and stellar goaltending. In the end, it was the Spartans' early strikes and Cardoza's shutout that sealed the win, leaving the Fury frustrated and scoreless. The 2-0 result was a testament to the Spartans' ability to capitalize on key moments and lock down their lead.

CLASSICS VISITOR

**ASTROS**

( 2 - 2 - 0 )



**2 - 5**

SOG: 27

SOG: 43



HOME CLASSICS

**MOUNTAINMEN**

( 4 - 0 - 0 )

The Mountainmen came out on top in a thrilling comeback victory over the Astros, winning 5-2 in a game that saw relentless pressure and key moments from both teams. The Astros started hot, with Des Walsh opening the scoring at 9:15 of the first period, assisted by John DeVincentis. But the Mountainmen quickly responded just 21 seconds later, as Mike Monahan fired one past Astros' goalie Andrew Pelley to level the score. The Astros regained the lead with an unassisted goal by Pete O'Brien at 5:49, sending them into the first intermission up 2-1.

The second period saw the Mountainmen tie it up again with a quick strike from Jim Daniels, assisted by Chris O'Keefe, just 47 seconds in. While both teams had chances to break the deadlock, the game remained fiercely competitive. Mountainmen goalie Jeff Nawrocki kept his team in it, fending off numerous shots from a surging Astros offense. Pelley, despite his best efforts, faced a barrage from the Mountainmen that would ultimately overwhelm him in the third period.

The final period belonged entirely to the Mountainmen, starting with Pat McNamara's game-winning goal at 10:19, assisted by Mike Simon and Andrew Kuhn. From there, the floodgates opened, as Jim Daniels added his second of the night at 3:24, followed by an unassisted open-net insurance goal from Todd Schmidt with just 43 seconds remaining. With no penalties in the last two periods, it was a clean finish that saw the Mountainmen dominate late, securing a 5-2 win and keeping their momentum rolling into the season.

CLASSICS	VISITOR			HOME	CLASSICS
<b>HAWKS</b>		<b>4 - 1</b>		<b>LONGHORNS</b>	
( 2 - 2 - 0 )		SOG: 5	SOG: 5		( 0 - 4 - 0 )

The Hawks soared to a 4-1 victory over the Longhorns in a game that started slow but ended with a bang. Brian McKenna was the star of the show, opening the scoring in the first period at 10:29 with a slick unassisted goal that left Longhorns goalie Peter Manini guessing. Despite an evenly matched battle, the Longhorns showed some bite in the second period when Paul Lafond connected with Mike Crisp to tie the game at 8:28, giving the Longhorns a glimmer of hope.

That hope was quickly dashed as the Hawks came storming back. Chuck Kilfoye buried the game-winner at 4:29, assisted by McKenna and Ted Duggan, putting the Hawks back in the driver's seat. The Longhorns struggled to get any real momentum going, and with the Hawks' Barry Kaiser standing tall in goal, it was an uphill battle. McKenna wasn't done yet, adding his second goal of the night in the third period at 5:55 off a beautiful setup from Kilfoye, sealing the game.

To rub salt in the wound, Tom Doucette put the final nail in the Longhorns' coffin with an unassisted goal at 00:47. The Hawks' disciplined play—especially with no penalties in the third—allowed them to cruise to victory, while the Longhorns were left licking their wounds, still searching for answers. The Hawks' defensive prowess and offensive bursts were too much for the Longhorns, who fell 4-1 in a tough matchup.

CLASSICS	VISITOR			HOME	CLASSICS
<b>BOLTS</b>		<b>1 - 2</b>		<b>REAPERS</b>	
( 3 - 1 - 0 )		SOG: 21	SOG: 38		( 2 - 2 - 0 )

In a gritty battle of wills, the Reapers edged out the Bolts 2-1 in a game where defense and goaltending took center stage. The Reapers set the tone early when Sean Cannon found the back of the net at 5:54 in the first period, thanks to a slick setup from Dan Sloan and Jim Polito. Despite the Bolts' best efforts, they couldn't crack the code of Reapers' goalie Terry McGovern, who turned away 21 shots to preserve their lead.

The second period was more of the same, with both teams locking down defensively and chances coming few and far between. The Reapers, however, capitalized on one of their opportunities as John Dunn notched what would become

the game-winning goal at 6:18, assisted by Brook Conley. Rick Welch, minding the net for the Bolts, did his best to keep his team within striking distance, making key saves to keep it 2-0 heading into the final frame.

The Bolts finally broke through in the third, with Tim Cruz lighting the lamp at 11:20 off a clean pass from Jay Faherty and Andrew Burke. But the Reapers' defense remained rock-solid, shutting down the Bolts' offense for the remainder of the game. With McGovern in goal and their backline in top form, the Reapers skated away with a well-earned 2-1 victory, extending their dominance as the Bolts struggled to find their rhythm.