



WEEK 5

RECAP



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

In a battle to avoid the basement of the standings, the Yellowjackets outlasted the Bulls 3-2 in a tense, low-scoring affair, improving to 2-3-0 while the Bulls slid further into the abyss at 1-4-0. Both teams entered desperate to shake off their losing records, and it was the Bulls who struck first, with Andy Cancellieri scoring an unassisted beauty at 10:50 of the first period. But the Yellowjackets, stinging from their own recent woes, responded quickly. John Petricig, fed by Dan Chouinard, tied it up less than a minute later, and Eric Murray gave the Yellowjackets the lead at 3:09 with a nifty assist from Keith Wilson.

The second period saw the Bulls fight back on the power play. Cancellieri found his name on the scoresheet again, this time assisting Jason O'Connell's goal at 2:47, knotting the game at 2-2. However, the Bulls' momentum was constantly disrupted by penalties, with the Yellowjackets taking full advantage of the Bulls' struggles to maintain discipline. Despite some great goaltending from Tom Andrade for the Bulls, they couldn't convert opportunities, leaving the game hanging in the balance.

The third period was all about the Yellowjackets' determination to escape the cellar. Jason Bernard's game-winning goal at 4:10, set up by Bill McIver, sealed the deal, and despite a late roughing penalty from the Bulls' Marty Carabin, the Yellowjackets held on to secure the win. Howie Bumpus stood tall between the pipes for the Jackets, as the Bulls' offensive efforts faltered under pressure. The Yellowjackets are finally climbing up the standings while the Bulls continue their freefall.

MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
KNIGHTS		3 - 0		THRESHERS
(3 - 2 - 0)		SOG: 0 SOG: 0		(3 - 2 - 0)

The Knights roared back to winning ways, shutting out the Threshers 3-0 and regaining momentum with a solid 3-2-0 record. Meanwhile, the Threshers, after a promising start to the season, find themselves on a two-game skid, also sitting at 3-2-0. This matchup showcased the Knights' renewed focus and defensive prowess, with goaltender Mark Dwyer standing tall between the pipes for the entire 36 minutes, frustrating the Threshers' attack from start to finish.

The Knights struck early, with Chad Gillpatrick capitalizing on a Threshers' miscue at 11:11 of the first period, scoring an unassisted goal that ultimately proved to be the game-winner. The Threshers, who seemed out of sync throughout, struggled to generate any offensive pressure as Joe Burke did all he could to keep them in the game. However, the Knights were relentless, adding another tally early in the second period when Mike Coughlin, set up by Tom and Matt Smith, extended the lead to 2-0.

In the third period, Coughlin found the back of the net again at 3:59, off another assist from Matt Smith, sealing the game for the Knights. The Threshers, unable to respond, left the ice frustrated as their offensive woes continued. This game marked a clear shift in the Knights' momentum, while the Threshers will need to regroup quickly to avoid further slipping in the standings.

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

The Masters Division standings just got a lot tighter as the Monarchs put together a commanding 4-1 victory over the Mariners, improving their record to 3-2-0 while handing the Mariners an identical 3-2-0 mark. In a game where the Monarchs were firing on all cylinders, Dan Buckingham was the standout star, picking up a hat trick and one assist, leaving the Mariners scrambling to contain him.

The Monarchs wasted no time getting on the board, with Buckingham opening the scoring at 11:25 of the first period, assisted by Dan McKinney. While the Mariners answered quickly with a slick goal from Kyle Smythe, it was Buckingham again who broke the tie just moments later, netting the game-winner off a perfect feed from Alex Bernstein. From there, the Monarchs' offense took over, adding two more goals in the second period, courtesy of Buckingham and McKinney, as the Mariners' defense couldn't keep up.

Goaltender Buddy Johnson was a brick wall for the Monarchs, turning away every Mariners attempt after the first period and securing the win. The Mariners, despite a hard-fought effort, couldn't break through Johnson's steady presence. With both teams now tied at 3-2-0, the race for the top of the standings in the Masters Division has officially tightened up, making the next few games critical for both squads.



CLASSICS VISITOR

REAPERS

(2 - 3 - 0)



4 - 5

SOG: 0

SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

LONGHORNS

(1 - 4 - 0)

In a wild back-and-forth showdown, the Longhorns outlasted the Reapers with a thrilling 5-4 victory, thanks to a clutch game-winning goal from Bob Sideropoulos in the dying moments of the third period. The Longhorns, now riding high, flexed their offensive muscle with a relentless attack that left the Reapers playing catch-up most of the night. However, Sean Cannon from the Reapers tried his best to be a one-man army, netting a hat-trick that kept his team in the hunt.

The game kicked off with Cannon drawing first blood for the Reapers in the first period with an unassisted strike at 9:54, but that lead didn't last long. The Longhorns found their rhythm in the second period, with Ed Mortell and Scott Varley scoring two quick goals to take control of the game. Tim Fallon added to the Longhorns' cushion with a nifty assist from Bob Sideropoulos, but Cannon struck again late in the period to keep the Reapers within striking distance.

The third period saw the tension ratchet up, as Cannon completed his hat trick, evening the score once again at 3-3. However, the Longhorns had the final say. Peter McIntyre gave them a brief lead before Cannon equalized again for the Reapers. With just over a minute to play, it was Sideropoulos who delivered the dagger, securing a 5-4 win for the Longhorns. The loss for the Reapers was a heartbreaker, but for the Longhorns, it was a showcase of resilience and team effort.

CLASSICS VISITOR

HAWKS

(3 - 2 - 0)



7 - 1

SOG: 35

SOG: 27



HOME CLASSICS

BOLTS

(3 - 2 - 0)

The Hawks soared past the Bolts in a commanding 7-1 victory, with a relentless offensive onslaught that left the Bolts scrambling for answers. Led by the dynamic duo of John Davey and Brian McKenna, who combined for four points, the Hawks unleashed a flurry of goals in the third period to seal the deal. The Bolts managed to stay competitive early on, but they simply couldn't match the Hawks' speed, precision, and determination as the game wore on.

The Hawks struck first in the opening period when Ted Duggan capitalized on a feed from Mike Pollis at 8:34, setting the tone for the night. The Bolts answered back in the second period with Jamie Jernegan scoring a solo effort at 9:33, briefly tying the game. However, just 20 seconds later, Paul Cavan delivered the game-winner for the Hawks, assisted by Davey and Jim Mulhern, putting the Bolts on the defensive for the remainder of the game.

The third period turned into a Hawks' highlight reel. Tom Doucette opened the floodgates at 11:08 with an unassisted strike, and the Hawks added four more goals in a span of nine minutes, with Chuck Kilfoye, John Davey, and Kevin Gee leading the charge. The Bolts' frustrations boiled over when Andrew Burke took a slashing penalty, but by then, it was too late. Brandon Cardoza stood tall between the pipes for the Hawks, while Rick Welch and the Bolts could only watch as the game slipped away.

CLASSICS VISITOR

FURY

(1 - 4 - 0)



6 - 3

SOG: 0

SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

ASTROS

(2 - 3 - 0)

In a thrilling showdown, the Fury stormed past the Astros with a commanding 6-3 victory, fueled by an offensive outburst and a relentless attack led by Tom House and Sean Vitello. The Fury set the pace early, netting three goals in quick succession in the first period, leaving the Astros reeling. Neil Landry got things rolling with a sharp assist from Rich Higgins at 4:41, and by the time the first buzzer rang, the Astros found themselves down 3-2 despite a late push from Des Walsh, who scored twice in the closing seconds of the period.

The second period saw the Fury widen the gap, with House continuing his standout performance, securing the game-winner at 9:15 on a crisp feed from Kevin Mackin. Vitello added his second goal of the night soon after, pushing the score to 5-2. The Astros struggled to generate offense, despite a few flashes of brilliance. A series of penalties, including a costly misconduct by Higgins, gave the Astros some hope, but Dan Nason's steady goaltending kept the Fury firmly in control.

The final period was all about sealing the deal for the Fury. Although the Astros managed a power-play goal courtesy of Adam Bellantoni, Gavin Steinman's insurance goal at 5:34, assisted by Jay DiCarlo and Scott Leahy, iced the game for the Fury. Frustration boiled over late in the period, with multiple penalties and even a bench minor for too many men on the ice. The Fury, now riding a wave of momentum, showed why they are a force to be reckoned with this season, while the Astros will need to regroup after a tough loss.

CLASSICS VISITOR

MOUNTAINMEN

(4 - 1 - 0)



4 - 5

SOG: 41

SOG: 53



HOME CLASSICS

SPARTANS

(4 - 1 - 0)

Despite the Mountainmen's hard-fought 5-4 loss to the Spartans, goaltender Mark Frano delivered an outstanding performance between the pipes, turning away 48 of 53 shots and keeping his team in the hunt all game long. Frano's quick reflexes and calm demeanor under pressure were on full display, especially during the third period when the Spartans unleashed a relentless barrage of shots. With the game hanging in the balance, Frano made a series of clutch saves that gave the Mountainmen a fighting chance until the very end.

The Mountainmen's offense was led by Walter Sullivan, who opened the scoring with a slick goal midway through the first period. While Jim Daniels and Pat McNamara tried to mount a comeback in the third with a pair of quick goals, it was the Spartans' Steve Figlioli who iced the game with an unassisted tally at 6:42. The Mountainmen showed flashes of brilliance throughout the contest, but the Spartans' depth and offensive firepower ultimately proved too much to overcome. In a special moment off the ice, the Mountainmen were thrilled to see Ronnie Reed back in the facility, cheering on his team from the stands. The entire squad is looking forward to having him back on the ice next session. His presence was a huge morale boost, and the Mountainmen can't wait to see him in action again soon.