





WEEK 7

RECAP





	1ST	2ND	3RD	
 Knights (3 - 4 - 0) MASTERS	2	2	0	4
 Yellowjackets (3 - 4 - 0) MASTERS	2	0	3	5

The Yellowjackets are buzzing their way up the standings, showing no signs of slowing down after a thrilling 5-4 comeback win over the Knights. It was a game filled with intensity and momentum shifts, but the Yellowjackets found a way to dig deep and rally from a two-goal deficit. Eric Murray led the charge with two goals, including a game-tying tally early in the third, while John Petricig delivered the game-winner with just over a minute left, completing the remarkable comeback.

The Knights had the Yellowjackets on the ropes after the second period, with Mike Coughlin and Mike Ransom giving them a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame. But the Yellowjackets, who have been steadily climbing the standings, showed the resilience of a team determined to make a push. Goaltender Howie Bumpus kept the Knights at bay when it mattered most, allowing his squad to mount their comeback.

This win marks another crucial step in the Yellowjackets' climb up the leaderboard, and with contributions from players like Murray, Petricig, and Dan Chouinard, they're looking more dangerous by the week. If the Yellowjackets continue this run of form, they'll be buzzing toward a playoff spot sooner rather than later. The Knights, despite a valiant effort, were left to wonder what could have been as they failed to shut down the Yellowjackets' late surge.

	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	
 Monarchs (4 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	0	1	1	1	3
 Bulls (2 - 5 - 0) MASTERS	0	2	0	0	2



Despite a gritty effort and a promising return of key players Bruce Sylvester and Josh Sigsworth, the Bulls couldn't break their slump, falling 3-2 in overtime to the Monarchs. The Bulls showed flashes of brilliance, with Ben Quelle giving them a brief lead late in the second period thanks to a slick assist from Sigsworth, but the Monarchs clawed back in



the third. Steve White's equalizer set the stage for Alex Bernstein to deliver the overtime dagger, leaving the Bulls stunned.

Tom Andrade stood tall between the pipes for the Bulls, battling fiercely for all 39 minutes and 39 seconds of regulation and overtime. Yet, despite the strong defensive effort, the Bulls couldn't hold on in the end. With Sylvester and Sigsworth re-energizing the team's attack, it looked like the Bulls were on the verge of breaking out of their funk. But crucial missed opportunities and the Monarchs' relentless third-period pressure kept them from sealing the deal.

While the Bulls managed to steal a point in this hard-fought contest, it wasn't enough to lift them out of the basement of the standings. This overtime loss, though tough to swallow, highlights the potential that still simmers in this team. But moral victories don't count in the standings, and time is running out for the Bulls to convert close games into critical wins.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
	Mariners (5 - 2 - 0) MASTERS	0	5	0	5
	Threshers (4 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	1	1	2	4

In a game that had more twists than a thriller, the Mariners outlasted the Threshers 5-4 in a back-and-forth affair, securing a crucial win. The Threshers struck first just two minutes into the game with Anthony Leclair's opener, setting the tone for a night of relentless action. But the Mariners wouldn't stay silent for long, as Dave Hardiman got the equalizer with a slick unassisted goal early in the second period, turning the tide in favor of the surging Mariners.

The second period proved to be a rollercoaster, with the Mariners and Threshers exchanging punches like heavyweight fighters. Collin Brennan put the Mariners ahead with a beauty of a goal, but Duncan Morrissey tied it up for the Threshers soon after. The highlight, however, came from Mariners' Alex Lee, whose precision pass from Brennan gave them a one-goal advantage at 4:03 in the second. Just as it looked like the game might tip back to the Threshers, Dave Kendrick's game-winner sealed the deal for the Mariners, sending their fans into a frenzy.

Despite the Threshers making a late push in the third with goals from Jay Coulstring and John Zimmer, it wasn't enough to topple the Mariners' strong goaltending from Mike Ciavattieri and a determined offense. The Mariners' relentless attack earned them a hard-fought victory, keeping their playoff hopes alive while leaving the Threshers to wonder what went wrong in a game they let slip through their fingers.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
	Bolts (3 - 3 - 1) CLASSICS	2	1	0	3
	Mountainmen (6 - 1 - 0) CLASSICS	2	2	1	5



In a thrilling showdown, the Mountainmen pulled off a hard-fought 5-3 victory over the Bolts, and it was none other than goaltender Ronnie Hughes who stole the show as the player of the game. Hughes was a brick wall between the pipes,



stopping everything the Bolts could throw his way in crucial moments. The first period was a slugfest, with the Mountainmen getting on the board early thanks to Jim Daniels and Mike Simon, but the Bolts quickly retaliated with two goals of their own, keeping Hughes on his toes.

The second period was where Hughes truly showed his mettle. After Todd Schmidt and Pat Scully gave the Mountainmen a comfortable lead, Hughes shut the door on a relentless Bolts offense. Dave Richardson managed to sneak one in for the Bolts, but Hughes was unfazed, making save after save to preserve the Mountainmen's edge. It was this rock-solid goaltending that allowed his team to focus on their attack, knowing they had a reliable force behind them.



As the game neared its end, Mike Simon's second goal of the night sealed the win for the Mountainmen, but it was Hughes' standout performance in net that truly made the difference. His calm under pressure and stellar reflexes were pivotal in securing the win. The Mountainmen continue to surge forward, while Hughes' heroics ensure he remains the backbone of this team's playoff push.

	1ST	2ND	3RD	
 Fury (1 - 6 - 0) CLASSICS	3	0	0	3
 Longhorns (2 - 4 - 1) CLASSICS	0	4	2	6

In an exhilarating comeback victory, the Longhorns trampled the Fury 6-3, led by an outstanding performance from player of the game, goaltender Doc Smith. Smith was an impenetrable force in net, turning away 29 shots and keeping his team alive after a rocky start. The Fury came out guns blazing in the first period, with Nate Rasmussen and Tom House combining for two early goals, followed by a strike from Teddy Bohld, putting the Longhorns in a daunting 3-0 hole. But Smith remained calm, standing tall to prevent further damage.

The momentum shifted in the second period, where the Longhorns rallied, sparked by Doc Smith's crucial saves. Bob Sideropoulos ignited the offense with a goal off a crisp feed from Mike Crisp, followed by quick strikes from Tim Fallon and Jim Hutchinson. As the Fury tried to regain their footing, Smith's spectacular goaltending kept them frustrated, stopping multiple high-danger chances that could have widened the gap. His consistent effort gave the Longhorns confidence to continue pressing forward.

With the game on the line in the third period, Smith shut the door completely, allowing his team to complete the comeback. Another goal from Sideropoulos and a late tally from Fallon sealed the 6-3 victory. Smith's clutch performance in net was the backbone of the Longhorns' resilience, turning what looked like an early rout into a commanding victory. Smith's poise, reflexes, and leadership earned him player of the game honors, and he showed once again why he's one of the best in the league.

	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	
 Hawks (4 - 3 - 0) CLASSICS	0	1	3	1	5
 Reapers (3 - 4 - 0) CLASSICS	1	2	1	0	4



In a wild showdown that had fans on the edge of their seats, the Hawks soared past the Reapers in a thrilling 5-4 overtime win, thanks to a bizarre yet heroic performance by Tom Doucette. The Reapers seemed to be in control early



on, with Sean Cannon netting a beautiful unassisted goal and adding two more assists to his tally, as the Hawks struggled to find their rhythm. But the Hawks wouldn't stay grounded for long, clawing their way back in the second period. Doucette sparked the comeback with a timely goal off a feed from Chuck Kilfoye, pulling the Hawks within striking distance.

As the game pressed on into the third, the Hawks found their groove, led by John Davey's power-play goal and a clutch equalizer from Frank Elwood. But the real drama was saved for overtime, when Doucette found himself at the center of a moment fit for a blooper reel. Mid-ice, in a seemingly comedic twist of fate, Doucette slipped on a rogue banana peel (who knew those clichés still happen?), leaving the crowd gasping. But to everyone's surprise, Doucette didn't stay down for long.

Showing grit and determination, Doucette dusted himself off, and eventually received a beautiful pass from Brian McKenna to set up Doucette for redemption, and with nerves of steel, he delivered the OT winner, giving the Hawks a stunning 5-4 victory. The crowd erupted, and Doucette, banana peel mishap aside, walked away as the game's unlikely hero. His ability to bounce back in style cemented the Hawks' win and gave fans a moment they won't soon forget.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
	Spartans (6 - 1 - 0) CLASSICS	2	2	0	4
	Astros (2 - 5 - 0) CLASSICS	1	0	0	1

In a dominant display, the Spartans overwhelmed the Astros with a 4-1 victory, thanks in large part to Glenn Harnish's stellar performance. From the drop of the puck, the Spartans were relentless, and it was Harnish who opened the scoring in the first period with a laser of a shot at 8:14, catching the Astros off guard. However, the Astros quickly responded as Andrew Mellen capitalized on a defensive miscue to equalize just 16 seconds later. But that was as close as the Astros would get, as the Spartans regrouped and shifted into another gear. Harnish wasn't done yet, delivering the game-winner with a smooth assist from Mike Cashin, putting the Spartans ahead before the end of the first.

The Spartans extended their lead in the second period, as Mike Aylward found the back of the net unassisted, following a slick move past the Astros' defense. Moments later, Aylward set up Mike Martin for a quick strike, giving the Spartans a commanding 4-1 lead. Meanwhile, Matt Nelson was a brick wall in net for the Spartans, turning away 32 shots and frustrating the Astros' attack at every turn. Andrew Pelley did his best to keep the Astros in it, but the Spartans' constant pressure and clinical finishing proved too much.

Despite the Astros putting up a valiant fight and outshooting the Spartans at points, they couldn't find a way to crack Nelson's armor again. The third period remained scoreless, as the Spartans cruised to victory, outmuscling the Astros and showcasing their depth across the lineup. With Harnish leading the way and Nelson standing tall between the pipes, the Spartans sent a clear message to the rest of the league that they're a team to be reckoned with.

