



WEEK 6

RECAP



MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
THRESHERS		5 - 4		MONARCHS
(4 - 2 - 0)		SOG: 0 SOG: 0		(3 - 3 - 0)

In an electrifying showdown, the Threshers edged out the Monarchs in a 5-4 thriller, with Brian Morgan playing the hero for the Threshers, netting the game-winning goal in the final minute of the contest. Both teams traded blows in a back-and-forth battle that saw the lead change several times, but it was the Threshers' depth and relentless forecheck that ultimately secured the victory. Morgan, who was also involved in two other goals, was the star of the night, proving to be the difference-maker when it mattered most.

The Monarchs came out strong with Mark Hayhurst opening the scoring with an unassisted goal in the first period. However, the Threshers quickly answered with Duncan Morrissey and Anthony Leclair combining to put the Threshers ahead by the end of the first. The Monarchs fought back, with Rian Kearney leading the charge in the second period, scoring twice to pull his team even. The Monarchs even added a shorthanded goal in the third, courtesy of Dan Buckingham, but it wasn't enough to fend off the Threshers' late-game surge.

Goaltender Joe Burke stood tall in net for the Threshers, turning away several critical shots, while Buddy Johnson for the Monarchs put up a valiant effort despite facing a barrage of chances. With this win, the Threshers move up the standings, while the Monarchs, though bitterly disappointed, showed heart and resilience in a match that could have gone either way. Both teams will undoubtedly circle their next meeting on the calendar as a must-watch rematch!

MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
YELLOWJACKETS		5 - 6		MARINERS
(2 - 4 - 0)		SOG: 0 SOG: 0		(4 - 2 - 0)

Despite a herculean effort from John Petricig, who delivered a staggering four-goal, five-point performance, the Yellowjackets fell short in a heartbreaker against the resilient Mariners, losing 6-5 in overtime. Petricig, who was involved in every Yellowjackets goal, was nothing short of spectacular, keeping his team in the game with his relentless

scoring. However, the Mariners, displaying their own grit, clawed back with a last-minute goal to tie it in regulation before securing the win in overtime.

The game was a back-and-forth affair, with Petricig opening the scoring in the first period and continuing to pile on in the second and third, single-handedly taking on the Mariners' defense. The Mariners responded with key goals from Peter Krukiel and Dave Kendrick, who played pivotal roles in keeping the game within reach. In overtime, it was Mike Fay who sealed the deal for the Mariners, finding the back of the net after a perfect feed from Collin Brennan, sending the Mariners bench into celebration.

While Petricig's dazzling performance will be the headline for the Yellowjackets, the Mariners deserve credit for their persistence and team effort. Goaltender Mike Ciavattieri stood tall when it mattered most, and the Mariners capitalized on key opportunities to edge out the victory. As thrilling as the contest was, the Yellowjackets will be left wondering what more they could have done to support their star, while the Mariners skate away with two crucial points.

MASTERS	VISITOR				HOME	MASTERS
BULLS		5 - 4		KNIGHTS		
(2 - 4 - 0)		SOG: 0	SOG: 0		(3 - 3 - 0)	

In a game the Bulls absolutely had to win, they clawed their way to a thrilling 5-4 victory over the Knights, hoping to shake off the weight of last place. The Bulls, who have struggled all season, found a much-needed spark from Josh Sigsworth, who stepped into the role of opening the door for line changes like a seasoned pro. Add to that a crucial call-up from the Classics division, Adam Bellantoni, and suddenly, the Bulls had the energy and depth they needed to get the job done.

The game was a high-intensity affair from the start, with the Knights taking an early lead on a goal by Matt Smith, only to be answered by a pair of Bulls goals, including a power-play tally by Bill Hingston. The Knights tied it up in the second, but Bulls' Jason O'Connell and John Killion each found the back of the net to swing the momentum in their favor. Mike Ransom's shorthanded goal for the Knights brought the game to a nail-biting 4-4, but it was Killion who came through again, burying the game-winner with just nine seconds left in the third.

Goaltender Bryan Prendeville was solid between the pipes, holding off a relentless Knights offense, and the Bulls' bench showed a renewed sense of determination. With this victory, the Bulls inch their way toward climbing out of the basement, and with players like Bellantoni stepping up, they may have found the energy they've been missing all season. This could be the win that sparks their comeback.



CLASSICS VISITOR

ASTROS

(2 - 4 - 0)



4 - 5

SOG: 0

SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

REAPERS

(3 - 3 - 0)

Despite a hard-fought battle from the Astros, it was the Reapers who emerged victorious in a 5-4 overtime thriller. Astros player of the game, Jim Ford, delivered an outstanding performance, keeping his team in contention with a heroic hat trick. Ford's leadership on the ice and his ability to find the net were crucial, especially in the second period, where he scored twice to keep the Astros within striking distance. His unassisted goal early in the third tied the game, sending it into an exhilarating sudden-death overtime.

The Reapers, however, were relentless, with Brook Conley leading the charge for their offense, netting two crucial goals and assisting on the game-winner. Sean Cannon sealed the deal in overtime, capitalizing on a perfect feed from Jim Polito, breaking the Astros' hopes of a comeback. Andrew Pelley stood tall in the net for the Astros, making several key saves, but it wasn't enough to hold back the Reapers' relentless attack.

The Astros can take some pride in their effort, especially with Ford's standout performance. His determination and knack for finding opportunities gave the Reapers plenty of trouble, but it wasn't quite enough to secure the win. If Ford continues playing at this level, the Astros might just turn their fortunes around soon.

CLASSICS VISITOR

MOUNTAINMEN

(5 - 1 - 0)



7 - 1

SOG: 44

SOG: 32



HOME CLASSICS

FURY

(1 - 5 - 0)

The Mountainmen put on a clinic in their 7-1 domination of the Fury, and there was no player more pivotal than Mike Simon, the clear choice for Player of the Game. Simon was everywhere on the ice, netting a hat trick and adding an assist to fuel his team's offensive explosion in the second period. His game-winning goal at 8:20 in the second set the tone for a relentless Mountainmen attack, turning a close game into a rout. Simon's vision and presence made him a constant threat, earning his team a well-deserved victory.

After a scoreless first period, the Mountainmen found their rhythm, and it was Simon who sparked the surge. He struck twice more within a minute, building a comfortable cushion and dashing any hopes of a Fury comeback. With teammates like Jim Daniels and Todd Schmidt dishing perfect passes, Simon had no trouble finding the back of the net. The chemistry on the Mountainmen bench was electric, with John Hickey and George Levoy playing key roles in keeping the offensive pressure high.

On the other end, Fury goalie Dan Nason faced a relentless barrage of shots but couldn't hold back the Mountainmen's determined attack. Despite an early goal by Steve Concannon for the Fury, their offense sputtered while the Mountainmen kept piling on. If Mike Simon keeps up this level of play, the Mountainmen could be looking at a strong run in the weeks to come.

CLASSICS VISITOR

LONGHORNS

(1 - 4 - 1)



3 - 3

SOG: 0



HOME CLASSICS

BOLTS

(3 - 2 - 1)

In a nail-biting contest that went down to the wire, the Longhorns and Bolts battled to a 3-3 draw, with both teams refusing to back down. The Longhorns took control early in the second period with Mike Crisp breaking the deadlock at 11:24, assisted by Bob Sideropoulos, followed quickly by an unassisted goal from Ed Mortell to give them a 2-0 lead. However, the Bolts had other plans. Peter Vitello sparked the comeback, netting one with just over four minutes left in the second, keeping the Bolts within striking distance.

The third period saw the Bolts fully come alive, as Vitello struck again at 5:03 to tie things up, this time assisted by his brother Mark. The Vitello connection proved to be lethal for the Longhorns, but the Bolts weren't finished. Jamie Jernegan, with help from Dave Richardson, slipped one past Longhorns goalie Doc Smith with just 3:29 remaining, giving the Bolts their first lead of the game. With time ticking down, the Longhorns dug deep, and Sideropoulos responded with a clutch equalizer, assisted by Phil DeBenedictis, with just 46 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

The overtime period, and the following shootout didn't produce a winner, but it certainly didn't lack intensity. Both goalies—Doc Smith for the Longhorns and Rick Welch for the Bolts—were brick walls in net, refusing to allow the game to slip away. Despite the draw, the matchup was a thrilling display of grit and determination from both squads, leaving fans eager for the next round. With Peter Vitello's two-goal performance and Sideropoulos' late-game heroics, this showdown between the Longhorns and Bolts will be remembered as one for the books.

CLASSICS VISITOR

SPARTANS

(5 - 1 - 0)



5 - 1

SOG: 37



HOME CLASSICS

HAWKS

(3 - 3 - 0)

The Spartans came out on top in a decisive 5-1 victory over the Hawks, powered by a dominant third period and an outstanding all-around performance from Glenn Harnish. Harnish, the star of the night, notched a natural hat trick in the final minutes, sealing the game for the Spartans. The Hawks kept it competitive through two periods, with Paul Cavan cutting the Spartans' lead in half midway through the second, but they couldn't match the late surge of their opponents.

The Spartans' Mike Martin netted what would be the game-winner at 11:23 of the second period, assisted by Harnish and Jeff Vancura, showing off their seamless chemistry on the ice. Brandon Cardoza was a fortress in net for the Spartans, stopping 33 of 34 shots, and he played a huge role in keeping the Hawks at bay during their flurry of attacks. Hawks goalie Mark Frano also made several key saves, but the relentless pressure from the Spartans proved to be too much.

Harnish took matters into his own hands in the third period, scoring three goals in just under two and a half minutes, including an unassisted empty-netter that hammered the final nail in the Hawks' coffin. The Spartans' victory pushed them ahead in the standings, and with performances like this, they're looking like a force to be reckoned with in the weeks ahead.

The SSCHL would like to extend a special thank you to Cassandra Martin for filling in as the Rink 3 timekeeper at the last minute. Thanks Cassie!