



WEEK 10

RECAP



MASTERS VISITOR				HOME MASTERS
THRESHERS		3 - 2		KNIGHTS
(6 - 4 - 0)		SOG: 9	SOG: 11	(3 - 7 - 0)

The Threshers secured a hard-fought 3-2 victory over the Knights, powered by strong offensive play and a clutch game-winning goal.

1st Period

The game began with the Threshers taking an early lead. At 4:38, Anthony LeClair scored, assisted by Brian Morgan and Eric Johnson, putting the Threshers up 1-0. The Knights managed just one shot on goal in the period, unable to find an answer to the Threshers' early momentum.

2nd Period

The Threshers doubled their lead at 1:10 in the second period when Eric Johnson found the net, assisted by Mike Alexanian and John Sances, making it 2-0. The Knights pushed back, generating more offensive chances but still couldn't get past Thresher's goalie Joe Burke, who held strong to preserve the shutout.

3rd Period

The third period was action-packed. The Knights mounted a comeback, starting with a goal from Ryan Reale at 9:10, assisted by Tom Smith and Jack Bannon, cutting the Threshers' lead to 2-1. However, the Threshers responded with the game-winning goal at 10:34 when John Sances scored, assisted by Eric Johnson and Mike Alexanian, restoring the two-goal advantage. The Knights kept pressing, and Bill Fisher scored at 5:55, assisted by Tom Smith and Sam Perkins, to bring the score to 3-2. Despite their efforts and outshooting the Threshers 7-4 in the final period, the Knights couldn't find an equalizer.

Joe Burke made 9 saves for the Threshers, securing the win, while Knights goalie Mark Dwyer stopped 11 shots in a strong effort. The Threshers' early scoring and defensive resilience proved the difference in this thrilling matchup.



The Monarchs claimed a decisive 3-1 victory over the Mariners in a competitive matchup, showcasing disciplined play and timely scoring.

1st Period

The Monarchs wasted no time getting on the board. Steve White found the net, assisted by Ben Perrotta, putting the Monarchs up 1-0. The Mariners struggled to generate offensive momentum, and the first period ended with the Monarchs holding the lead.

2nd Period

The Monarchs extended their advantage at 8:45 when Peter Fallon scored the game-winning goal, with assists from Jason Standish and Sean Soares. Minutes later, Matt Gibson made it 3-0 for the Monarchs, assisted by Matt McCourt and Dan Buckingham. Despite firing off four shots in the period, the Mariners couldn't beat Monarchs goalie Buddy Johnson.

3rd Period

The Mariners broke through in the final period at 1:00, when Peter Krukiel scored with help from Dave Hardiman, making it 3-1. However, that was the only goal the Mariners could muster. Both teams played strong defensively down the stretch, and the Monarchs secured the win, with Johnson finishing the game with 8 saves on 9 shots.

The Monarchs' cohesive play and early scoring proved too much for the Mariners to overcome, as the Monarchs walked away with a 3-1 victory.



The Yellowjackets pulled off a thrilling overtime victory over the Bulls, winning 5-4 in a tightly contested Masters division matchup.

1st Period

Both teams came out strong, trading goals early on. The Bulls struck first at 10:29, with Rich

Fuller finding the back of the net off assists from John Killion and Tom Powers. The Yellowjackets responded quickly when Matt Brennan set up John Petricig for the tying goal at 5:55. Less than a minute later, John Killion capitalized on a pass from Tony Rota to give the Bulls a brief lead. However, with only 18 seconds remaining in the period, the Yellowjackets' Ryan Twigg evened the score at 2-2 with an unassisted goal.

2nd Period

The Yellowjackets reclaimed the lead at 4:37 when Petricig scored his second goal of the night, assisted by Bill McIver. The Bulls couldn't answer back, ending the period down 3-2.

3rd Period Comeback

The Yellowjackets scored again in the third period when Chris Boussy netted a crucial goal at 6:57, with help from Dan Chouinard and Eric Murray, to extend the lead to 4-2. Just minutes later, Adam Bellantoni gave the Bulls some life 4-3 with an assist from Andy Cancellieri on a questionable (but beautiful) tip, that may have been just above the crossbar. Unfortunately, no video replay this week to confirm the referee's on-ice call! Then, with just 51 seconds remaining in the game, the Bulls' Mike DeBenedictis forced overtime with a clutch goal, assisted by Bill Hingston and John Killion.

Overtime Drama

The game was decided at 1:14 in overtime, when Ryan Twigg scored the game-winning goal for the Yellowjackets, assisted by Eric Murray and John Petricig. Goalie Howie Bumpus secured the win with a strong performance, making 8 saves on 12 shots faced.

The victory brings both the Yellowjackets and Bulls to 4-6-0. It was a game marked by relentless energy and crucial plays, with both teams fighting until the final whistle. With the win, the Yellowjackets leapfrog the Bulls into the last remaining playoff spot, with both teams at 10 points, but the Yellowjackets have the 2-0 lead in head-to-head matchups.



CLASSICS VISITOR				HOME CLASSICS
REAPERS		4 - 2		BOLTS
(4 - 6 - 0)		SOG: 21 SOG: 24		(4 - 5 - 1)

The Reapers overcame the Bolts in a dynamic 4-2 victory, driven by Eric Morgan's standout performance, which included a game-winning goal and a hat trick.

1st Period

The Bolts struck first at 8:49, with Tim Cruz scoring off assists from Jeff Simpson and Jay

Faherty. However, the Reapers answered at 6:31 when John Dunn, assisted by Eric Morgan, evened the score at 1-1. Both teams fired off plenty of shots, with the Bolts leading 8-6 in the period.

2nd Period

The Bolts regained the lead at 11:31 as Mark Vitello scored, assisted by Peter Vitello and Dave Richardson, putting them up 2-1. The Reapers responded swiftly, with Eric Morgan tying the game just 15 seconds later with an unassisted goal. The second period ended locked at 2-2, with both teams battling hard.

3rd Period

The Reapers pulled ahead decisively in the final period. At 9:37, Morgan notched the game-winning goal, assisted by Kevin Brophy. With 25 seconds left in the game, Morgan completed his hat trick with another goal, assisted by Brophy and Brook Conley, sealing the 4-2 victory for the Reapers. Goalie Ken Menkello turned aside 21 of 24 shots to secure the win, while Rick Welch made 21 saves for the Bolts.

Eric Morgan's offensive dominance and the Reapers' timely scoring secured their victory in this thrilling matchup, leaving the Bolts to regroup after a hard-fought game.



The Longhorns emerged victorious in a close 4-3 win over the Hawks, highlighted by Scott Varley's two-goal performance and a crucial game-winner from Mike Zucarelli.

1st Period

The Longhorns took an early lead with Scott Varley scoring at 7:36, assisted by Tim Fallon and Phil DeBenedictis. Varley struck again just minutes later at 2:06, with Ed Mortell and Tim Routhier setting him up for his second goal, putting the Longhorns ahead 2-0. The Hawks responded at 1:44, as Shawn Malloy found the net off a feed from Kevin Gee, cutting the deficit to 2-1.

2nd Period

The Hawks tied the game midway through the second period. At 7:34, Jim McNeill scored with assists from Frank Elwood and John Davey, making it 2-2. The Longhorns kept pressing, but the Hawks' defense and goaltender Barry Kaiser held firm.

3rd Period

In the third period, the Longhorns reclaimed the lead at 5:42. Ed Mortell scored off a setup from Varley and Mike Zucarelli, putting them up 3-2. The game-winning moment came at 3:33, when Zucarelli found the back of the net with assists from Fallon and Mortell, making it 4-2. The

Hawks fought back, and McNeill scored his second goal at 2:18, assisted by Scott Gosselin, bringing the score to 4-3. Despite late pressure from the Hawks, Longhorn's goalie Doc Smith stood tall, preserving the win with 16 saves on 19 shots.

The Longhorns' offensive firepower and resilience secured the victory, while the Hawks' strong effort fell just short in this thrilling contest.



The Mountainmen dominated the Astros with a convincing 7-2 win, powered by Rich Greer's four-point performance and a flurry of goals in the second period.

1st Period

The Mountainmen struck first at 9:43 with Mike Simon scoring, assisted by Steve Quinn and Rich Greer, taking a 1-0 lead. The Astros responded at 1:28 when John Ruzzano netted an unassisted goal, tying the game at 1-1. Both teams were evenly matched in shots, with six apiece.

2nd Period

The Mountainmen exploded offensively in the second period. Walter Sullivan scored at 7:01, assisted by Andrew Kuhn and Rich Greer, giving the Mountainmen a 2-1 advantage. At 3:50, Greer scored the game-winning goal on the power play, with assists from Chris O'Keefe and Jim Daniels. The onslaught continued with Pat McNamara scoring twice in rapid succession: first at 1:11, assisted by Greer, and again at 0:19, assisted by George Levoy and Todd Schmidt. The Mountainmen finished the period up 5-1, outshooting the Astros 11-2.

3rd Period

The Astros tried to fight back in the third period, and Des Walsh scored at 9:30, assisted by Ruzzano, cutting the deficit to 5-2. However, the Mountainmen responded again. Jim Daniels scored at 6:54, assisted by O'Keefe and Greer, and Sullivan added his second goal of the game at 4:33, assisted by Simon, sealing the 7-2 victory.

Mountainmen goalie Ron Hughes made 8 saves on 10 shots to secure the win, while Astros netminder Andrew Pelley faced relentless pressure, stopping 17 of 24 shots. The Mountainmen's relentless attack and precision passing overwhelmed the Astros, earning them a dominant victory.

CLASSICS VISITOR

FURY

(2 - 8 - 0)



3 - 6

SOG: 25

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HOME CLASSICS

SPARTANS

(9 - 1 - 0)

The Spartans mounted a strong comeback to defeat the Fury 6-3, with a dominant second and third period.

1st Period

The Fury started off hot, scoring twice early in the first period. Sean Vitello opened the scoring at 8:14 with assists from Dan Coletti and Steve Concannon. Just a few minutes later, at 2:13, Tom House extended the Fury's lead to 2-0, assisted by Kevin Mackin and Steve Lemish. However, the Spartans managed to cut the deficit to 2-1 before the end of the period when Glenn Harnish scored unassisted at 0:47.

2nd Period

The Spartans took control in the second period, tying the game at 7:43 when Mike Martin scored, assisted by Pete Cleary. Just 43 seconds later, Cleary scored a goal of his own, assisted by Jeff Vancura and Rich Boyle, putting the Spartans ahead 3-2. At 2:17, Joe Craig scored what would be the game-winning goal on a setup from Paul Brinkmann and Boyle, giving the Spartans a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame.

3rd Period

The Spartans continued their momentum in the third period, with Martin scoring his second unassisted goal of the game at 11:46 to extend the lead to 5-2. The Fury answered back at 8:46, with Jay DiCarlo scoring, assisted by Lemish, to bring the Fury within two. However, the Spartans sealed the victory on a power-play goal from Jeff Vancura at 4:54, assisted by Matt Sonnebend, finishing the game 6-3.

Both teams registered 25 shots, but the Spartans' strong goaltending from Matt Nelson and effective special teams proved to be the difference. Fury goalie Dan Nason made several key saves but couldn't withstand the Spartans' relentless attack in the second and third periods.

