

Knights Triumph Over Monarchs with Balanced Scoring and Defensive Poise

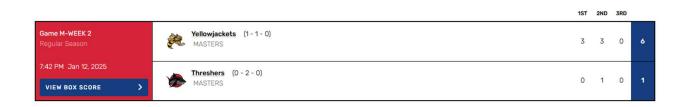
The Knights delivered a commanding 6-4 victory over the Monarchs, showcasing a well-rounded performance on both ends of the ice. The Knights set the tone early in the first period with goals from Ryan Reale and Mike Coughlin, taking a 2-0 lead. Their defense, anchored by goaltender Adam Figlioli, stifled the Monarchs' attempts to build momentum, holding them to five shots in the opening frame.

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The Monarchs rallied in the second period as Dan McKinney found the back of the net, assisted by Brant Humfryes and Mark Hayhurst. However, the Knights quickly regained control with goals from Mike Coughlin and Bill Fisher, extending their lead to 4-1. The Monarchs struggled to capitalize on offensive opportunities, and Figlioli's steady goaltending kept the Knights firmly in the driver's seat heading into the final period.

The third period saw an offensive explosion from both teams. The Monarchs closed the gap with goals from Todd Pomerleau, Mike Kelly, and another tally from McKinney. Despite the late push, Sam Perkins' gamewinning goal for the Knights at 7:46 sealed the victory. Adam Fenton added an empty-netter in the final seconds, ensuring the Knights' triumph. With balanced scoring contributions and strong goaltending, the Knights demonstrated their depth and resilience against a determined Monarchs squad.



Yellowjackets Dominate Threshers in 6-1 Rout

The Yellowjackets showcased offensive prowess and disciplined play in a decisive 6-1 victory over the Threshers. The team came out strong in the first period, with Rob Malone scoring twice and Bill McIver adding a crucial game-winning goal just 32 seconds after Malone's opener. With sharp passing and relentless pressure, the Yellowjackets built a commanding 3-0 lead, keeping the Threshers on their heels.

In the second period, the Yellowjackets continued their dominance despite a brief spark from the Threshers when Eric Johnson scored at 11:13. Ryan Twigg quickly responded for the Yellowjackets, followed by two more goals, including a shorthanded tally from Eric Murray. The Yellowjackets displayed versatility, with multiple players contributing across the stat sheet, particularly Ken Twigg, who tallied three assists. Howie Bumpus stood tall in net, making critical saves to stifle the Threshers' attempts to rally.

The third period remained scoreless, thanks to disciplined defensive play from the Yellowjackets and strong goaltending from Bumpus. The Threshers' struggles to capitalize on opportunities and their inability to contain the Yellowjackets' high-powered offense sealed their fate. With this win, the Yellowjackets proved they are a formidable force, blending skill, teamwork, and consistency to dominate from start to finish.



Mariners Edge Bulls in Thrilling Overtime Victory

The Mariners secured a dramatic 4-3 overtime victory against the Bulls in a closely contested matchup. The first period saw an even exchange of goals, with Bill Hingston opening the scoring for the Bulls, assisted by Josh Tobias and Rich Fuller. The Mariners quickly responded through Dave Kendrick, who capitalized on a feed from Rob McDonnell and Rob Schroeter to level the game.

The second period featured back-and-forth action, as the Mariners took the lead with a goal from Collin Brennan, assisted by Alex Lee. The Bulls rallied with two consecutive goals, including a tip from Jason O'Connell off a shot from Andy Cancellieri and a timely finish by Jay Coulstring. However, the Mariners refused to back down, tying the game late in the third period with a slick goal from Schroeter, assisted by Kyle Smythe.

In overtime, the Mariners clinched victory with Rob Schroeter emerging as the hero. At 2:22, he netted the game-winning goal off a setup from Alex Lee, capping a three-point night. Despite a solid effort from Bulls goaltender Tom Andrade, it was Mike Ciavattieri's steadiness in the Mariners' net that sealed the win. The evenly matched game highlighted the grit and skill of both teams, with the Mariners ultimately prevailing in a thrilling conclusion.



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6:45 PM Jan 12, 2025	Mountainmen (1-1-0)	1	2	1	4
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Mountainmen Triumph Over Fury in Balanced Contest

The Mountainmen defeated the Fury 4-2 in a highly competitive game, showcasing strong offensive plays and sharp goaltending. The first period was evenly matched, with Tom House scoring early for the Fury, assisted by Jason Flebotte. The Mountainmen responded swiftly as Pat Scully netted his first of the night, aided by Jim Daniels and John Hickey, tying the game at 1-1.

In the second period, the Mountainmen gained momentum. Joe O'Connell scored to put them ahead, with assists from George Levoy and Mark Kaplan. Later, Scully struck again for the game-winning goal, completing a standout play set up by Daniels and O'Connell. The Fury struggled to capitalize on their offensive opportunities, outshooting the Mountainmen in the period but failing to convert.

The third period saw the Mountainmen extend their lead with Mike Simon scoring off an assist from Scully, who was instrumental throughout the game. Despite Gavin Steinman scoring in the final seconds for the Fury, the Mountainmen held firm, buoyed by Ron Hughes' excellent goaltending. With consistent contributions from players like Scully and Daniels, the Mountainmen emerged victorious in a well-fought contest.

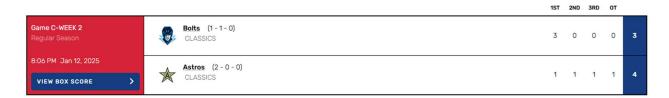


Spartans Outpace Reapers in High-Scoring 7-4 Victory

The Spartans secured a dominant 7-4 win over the Reapers, showcasing relentless offensive pressure and strong teamwork. The first period was a whirlwind, with five goals exchanged. Rich Boyle opened the scoring for the Spartans, while Mike Martin added a shorthanded tally shortly after. The Reapers responded with a power-play goal from Pete Tamborella and a late-period strike from Brook Conley, but Steve Figlioli's setup for Boyle helped the Spartans hold a 3-2 edge by the first intermission.

In the second period, the Spartans solidified their lead, with Glenn Harnish and Martin adding critical goals. Martin's game-winner was assisted by Mike Aylward, who played a pivotal role throughout the match with four assists. Bill Petrarca further widened the gap with a late-period goal. Despite the Reapers' efforts, the Spartans' defense, backed by goaltender Matt Nelson's timely saves, kept them in control.

The Reapers attempted a comeback in the third period, with Mark Hallal and Dan Sloan finding the back of the net. However, a disciplined Spartans squad sealed the game with an empty-netter from Dave Currier. Despite the Reapers outshooting the Spartans 24-17, Nelson's goaltending and key offensive contributions from Martin, Aylward, and Boyle proved decisive. The victory marked a commanding performance by the Spartans in this thrilling contest.

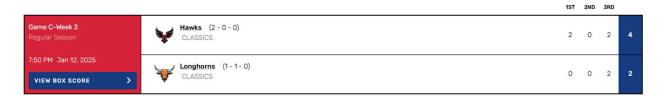


Astros Secure Dramatic Overtime Victory Against Bolts, 4-3

The Bolts started strong in their matchup against the Astros, building a 3-1 lead by the end of the first period. Jamie Jernegan was instrumental for the Bolts, scoring twice, including an unassisted opening goal and another assisted by Daron Jacobs. Joe Carroll also contributed with a power-play goal. Despite their early dominance, the Astros stayed in contention with a late first-period goal from John Keyes, assisted by Andrew Mellen.

The Astros mounted their comeback in the second and third periods, with Dave Fallon narrowing the gap in the second frame off an assist from Mellen. In the third period, John Ruzzano leveled the score with an unassisted effort, pushing the game into overtime. Both teams tightened defensively during the latter stages of regulation, with Astros goaltender Andrew Pelley making key saves to keep his team in the game.

Overtime was brief but decisive, with Sean Cannon scoring the game-winning goal just 38 seconds in, assisted by Matt Brennan. The Astros outshot the Bolts 24-17 overall, capitalizing on their momentum and seizing victory. Despite the Bolts' impressive start, the Astros' resilience and Cannon's heroics sealed the comeback win, leaving fans on the edge of their seats.



Hawks Triumph in Championship Rematch Against Longhorns, 4-2

In a highly anticipated championship rematch, the Hawks emerged victorious over the Longhorns, claiming a 4-2 win in a closely contested game. The Hawks set the tone early, with Peter Fallon opening the scoring just over 11 minutes into the first period, assisted by Jim Mulhern and Frank Elwood. Moments later, Tom Doucette doubled the lead with an unassisted strike, putting the Hawks firmly in control by the end of the first period.

The second period saw a defensive stalemate, with both teams failing to find the back of the net despite the Longhorns outshooting the Hawks 17-11. However, the game came alive again in the third period. Fallon delivered the game-winning goal unassisted, extending the Hawks' lead. Although the Longhorns mounted a late push, with goals from Tim Fallon and Mike Crisp, Shawn Malloy sealed the victory for the Hawks with a crucial tally at the 5:35 mark.

Goaltending was a key factor, with Barry Kaiser standing tall for the Hawks, making 44 saves against the Longhorns' relentless 46-shot effort. Despite their offensive pressure, the Longhorns couldn't overcome the Hawks' early advantage and disciplined defense. This victory not only marks a pivotal moment in the season for the Hawks but also reaffirms their dominance in the ongoing rivalry with the Longhorns.