

#### Mariners Edge Threshers in a Tight 4-3 Victory

The Mariners secured a 4-3 win over the Threshers in a thrilling contest, with the first period setting the tone for their success. Peter Krukiel led the charge, scoring twice in the opening frame, assisted by son John Krukiel, Kyle Smythe, and Collin Brennan. Dave Hardiman added another for the Mariners, giving them a commanding 3-0 lead at the end of the first, outshooting the Threshers 10-7.

The second period saw the Threshers fight back with two quick goals, courtesy of Duncan Morrissey and Kevin Duggan. Morrissey's unassisted goal energized his team, and Duggan's follow-up brought the Threshers within one. The Mariners struggled to regain their offensive rhythm, with both teams going scoreless for the remainder of the period. Despite being evenly matched with 10 shots each, the Threshers gained momentum heading into the final frame.

In the third period, John Krukiel sealed the game-winning goal for the Mariners at 10:08, assisted by his father Peter Krukiel, and Collin Brennan. Although Greg Cincotta netted a late goal for the Threshers, it wasn't enough to complete the comeback. Both goaltenders, Mike Ciavattieri for the Mariners and Joe Burke for the Threshers, delivered solid performances, with Ciavattieri making critical saves to secure the win. The Mariners' early offensive burst proved decisive, keeping them ahead in this closely contested matchup.



### **Bulls Dominate Monarchs in 7-4 Victory**

The Bulls asserted their dominance early, scoring three unanswered goals in the first period to set the tone for a commanding 7-4 victory over the Monarchs. Josh Tobias, Josh Sigsworth, and Rich Fuller each found the net, giving the Bulls an early cushion. The Monarchs responded late in the period with Matt Drew capitalizing on an assist from Ben Perrotta and Matt Gibson, but they struggled to generate offense.

In the second period, the Monarchs showed signs of life with Dan McKinney narrowing the gap, but the Bulls quickly regained control. John Killion and Mike Debenedictis struck back for the Bulls, with Debenedictis' goal proving to be the game-winner. Despite their defensive lapses, Monarchs' goalie Jeff Delnickas made key saves to keep the game within reach.

The final period saw a late push from the Monarchs, with Dan Buckingham scoring twice unassisted, momentarily putting pressure on the Bulls. However, Matt Fredrickson responded with a goal for the Bulls before Rich Fuller sealed the win with an empty-netter in the final seconds. Stand in goaltender Bryan Prendeville was solid between the pipes, helping secure the Bulls' convincing win.



### Knights Overpower Yellowjackets in 6-2 Victory

The Knights delivered a strong offensive performance, securing a 6-2 win over the Yellowjackets. Sean Foley led the charge early, scoring twice in the first period, with assists from Bill Fisher and Ryan Reale. Adam Fenton added the eventual game-winning goal before the Yellowjackets got on the board with a tally from Eric Murray. Despite being outshot 10-4 in the period, the Knights capitalized on their opportunities to take a commanding lead.

In the second period, the Knights continued their dominance with Brian Pineau and Bill Fisher adding to the scoreline. Foley continued to be a key playmaker, assisting on both goals. The Yellowjackets struggled to generate quality scoring chances despite outshooting the Knights 9-12. Goaltender Adam Figlioli held firm for the Knights, keeping the Yellowjackets scoreless in the period.

The third period saw the Knights extend their lead with Fisher netting his second goal of the game, assisted by Adam Fenton. The Yellowjackets managed to find the back of the net one final time with a goal from Dan Chouinard, but it was too little, too late. The Knights' defense held strong, limiting the Yellowjackets' offensive threats while securing the decisive victory. Figlioli's solid goaltending and the Knights' balanced attack proved too much for the Yellowjackets to overcome.



## Reapers Shut Out Fury with Dominant 5-0 Victory

The Reapers put on a commanding performance, shutting out the Fury 5-0 in a dominant display of both offensive power and defensive stability. Arthur Stadnik set the tone early, scoring the game-winning goal less than a minute into the first period off an assist from Pete Tamborella. The Reapers maintained control throughout the opening frame, outshooting the Fury 13-4 and pressuring goaltender Dan Nason relentlessly.

In the second period, the Fury attempted to generate some offense but were unable to break through the Reapers' defensive wall. Scott Kelly extended the Reapers' lead with an unassisted goal, capitalizing on a defensive lapse from the Fury. Meanwhile, Reapers' goaltender Ken Menkello remained rock solid in net, turning away all six shots he faced in the period.

The Reapers sealed their victory in the third period with three more unanswered goals. Kevin Watson struck first, followed by Kelly's second goal of the night with assists from Eric Morgan and Rich Buckley. Morgan capped off the scoring just 16 seconds later, securing the Reapers' decisive 5-0 win. Despite a late penalty by Kevin Brophy, the Reapers' defense remained firm, ensuring Menkello's well-earned shutout.



### Longhorns Dominate Astros in 7-1 Victory

The Longhorns delivered a commanding 7-1 win over the Astros, showcasing offensive depth and defensive strength throughout the game. Tim Fallon got things started for the Longhorns with an unassisted goal just over ten minutes into the first period. The Astros responded with a goal from John Thoms Jr., but the Longhorns quickly regained control with back-to-back goals from Mike Crisp and Paul Lafond, closing the first period with a 3-1 lead.

The second period saw the Longhorns extend their dominance, capitalizing on special teams with two powerplay goals. John Zimmer struck first on the man advantage, assisted by Fallon, followed by Bill Sawtelle, who converted another power-play opportunity with help from Crisp. Meanwhile, the Longhorns' defense and goaltender Doc Smith held firm, keeping the Astros off the board despite their efforts.

In the third period, the Longhorns sealed their victory with two more unanswered goals. Lafond notched his second of the night, while Crisp tallied his fourth point of the game with a late goal assisted by Zimmer and Sawtelle. With a solid defensive effort and a strong performance in net by Smith, the Longhorns cruised to a decisive 7-1 win, outshooting the Astros 36-22 and controlling the game from start to finish.



# Hawks Edge Bolts in Tight 3-2 Battle

The Hawks pulled off a hard-fought 3-2 victory over the Bolts, overcoming an early deficit and controlling the game with relentless offensive pressure. The Bolts struck first in the opening period with a goal from Tony Rota, assisted by Art Riccio and Mark Vitello. Despite outshooting the Bolts 13-7, the Hawks were unable to capitalize in the first period, heading into the second trailing 1-0.

In the second period, the Bolts extended their lead when Tim Cruz found the net, with help from Dave Richardson and Joe Carroll. However, the Hawks responded quickly, as Shawn Malloy put them on the board, assisted by Kevin Gee and Chuck Kilfoye. Less than a minute before the period ended, Brian McKenna tied the game at 2-2 with an assist from Mike Pollis and Jim McNeill, shifting the momentum in favor of the Hawks.

The deciding goal came in the third period, when Peter Fallon buried the game-winner with an assist from Gee at the 3:22 mark. The Hawks' defense held strong, limiting the Bolts to just four shots in the final frame while goaltender Barry Kaiser secured the win with key saves down the stretch. Outshooting the Bolts 40-20, the Hawks' persistence paid off as they skated away with a well-earned 3-2 victory.



## Spartans Dominate Mountainmen in 7-2 Victory

The Spartans showcased their offensive firepower with a commanding 7-2 victory over the Mountainmen. They set the tone early, scoring three goals in the first period. Bill Petrarca struck twice, with one goal assisted by Dave Currier and Jeff Vancura, while Pete Cleary netted the eventual game-winner unassisted. The Mountainmen struggled to respond, despite keeping pace in shots on goal. The second period saw continued dominance from the Spartans, as Steve Figlioli and Petrarca each found the net to extend their lead to 5-0. Figlioli's goal came unassisted, while Petrarca's tally was set up by Frank Brinkmann and Vancura. The Mountainmen failed to generate any offense in the frame, managing only two shots on goal, as Spartans' goaltender Matt Nelson remained unchallenged.

In the final period, the Mountainmen finally broke through with back-to-back goals from Jim Daniels, assisted by Chris O'Keefe, Pat Scully, and Andrew Kuhn. However, the Spartans quickly shut down any comeback hopes, with Figlioli adding two more goals—one unassisted and another assisted by Paul Brinkmann and Mike Cashin—to complete his hat trick. Despite a late push from the Mountainmen, Nelson's solid goaltending and the Spartans' offensive depth secured a decisive 7-2 victory.