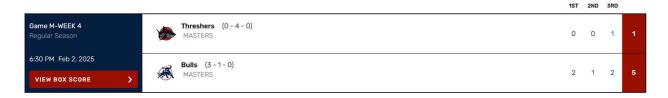


# **WINTER 2025: WEEK 4**

# **RECAP**





# **Bulls Dominate Threshers with 5-1 Victory**

The Bulls controlled the game from start to finish, securing a decisive 5-1 win over the Threshers. They wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, as John Killion struck twice in the first period, with assists from Josh Tobias and Matt Fredrickson. The Bulls' relentless offensive attack saw them outshoot the Threshers 17-2 in the opening frame, keeping goaltender Joe Burke under constant pressure.

The second period continued in the Bulls' favor, as Josh Sigsworth extended the lead to 3-0 with a goal assisted by Jason O'Connell. The Threshers struggled to generate offense, managing only four shots in the period against Tom Andrade, who stood tall in net for the Bulls. The Bulls' defense remained solid, preventing the Threshers from mounting any real scoring chances.

In the final period, the Bulls put the game out of reach with goals from Mike Debenedictis and Killion, who completed his hat trick with help from Sigsworth. The Threshers finally broke through in the closing minutes, as Anthony LeClair found the back of the net off a Chris Jennings assist, but it was too little, too late. Despite a late push, the Bulls' overwhelming shot advantage (52-12) and dominant play secured their well-earned victory.



## **Mariners Dominate Knights with 6-2 Victory**

The Mariners set the tone early with a dominant first period, scoring four unanswered goals to take control of the game. Nick Mayo opened the scoring at 10:13, followed by Alex Lee and Collin Brennan, with Brennan's goal ultimately standing as the game-winner. John Krukiel capped off the explosive period with a late tally, giving the Mariners a commanding lead as the Knights struggled to generate offense.

The Knights showed some life in the second period when Sam Perkins found the back of the net off a feed from Ross Reale, but their momentum was short-lived. The Mariners quickly responded with Alex Lee's second goal of the night, assisted by Peter Krukiel. Both teams tightened up defensively, with minimal penalties and strong goaltending from Mike Ciavattieri and Adam Figlioli keeping the scoreline from further escalation.

In the third period, the Knights attempted a late push with a goal from Jack Bannon, assisted by Ryan and Ross Reale, but the Mariners answered right back with Collin Brennan's second goal of the game. Despite a more balanced shot count (24-20 in favor of the Mariners), the Knights couldn't overcome their slow start. With the Mariners' efficient scoring and defensive control, they secured a dominant 6-2 victory.



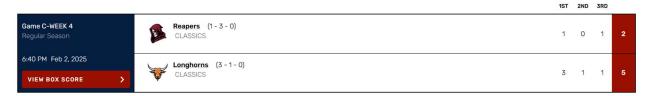
## Yellowjackets Edge Monarchs in Thrilling 7-6 Victory

The Yellowjackets and Monarchs delivered an intense back-and-forth battle, with the Yellowjackets emerging victorious in a 7-6 thriller. The Monarchs took an early lead in the first period with goals from Mike Kelly and Mark Hayhurst, while Bill McIver put the Yellowjackets on the board. The Monarchs outshot their opponents 10-11, but both teams displayed offensive efficiency, setting the stage for a high-scoring contest.

The second period saw a flurry of goals as both teams traded scoring opportunities. The Monarchs extended their lead early with another goal from Hayhurst, but the Yellowjackets responded with three consecutive goals from Rob Malone, John Petricig, and Jason Bernard. A late power-play goal from Kelly briefly put the Monarchs back on top before the Yellowjackets regained momentum, bringing the score to 4-4 heading into the final period.

In a dramatic third period, the Yellowjackets capitalized on a power-play goal by Keith Wilson and a shorthanded tally from Kelly to keep the game close. Ryan Twigg and Bernard secured the lead with crucial late-game goals, with Bernard's game-winner coming at 1:55. Despite a last-second effort from Dan Buckingham for the Monarchs, the Yellowjackets held on for a hard-fought 7-6 victory, with Howie Bumpus making key saves down the stretch to preserve the win.



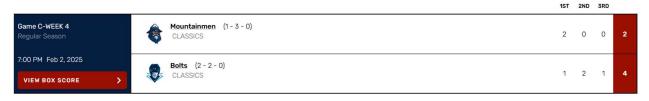


# Longhorns Defeat Reapers 5-2 with Strong Offensive Performance

The Longhorns secured a dominant 5-2 victory over the Reapers, capitalizing on a fast start in the first period. Tim Fallon opened the scoring for the Longhorns at 9:12, followed by a goal from Bill Sawtelle just minutes later. The Reapers responded with a goal from Eric Morgan, assisted by Steve Lemish, but the Longhorns regained control as Ed Mortell scored the game-winning goal late in the period, giving his team a 3-1 lead.

In the second period, the Longhorns continued to press offensively, with Mortell netting his second goal of the night, assisted by James Bailey and Fallon. The Reapers struggled to generate scoring chances against the Longhorns' defensive play and goaltender Doc Smith, who turned away key shots to maintain his team's lead. Despite a stronger effort from the Reapers in the second frame, they were unable to close the gap, heading into the third period down 4-1.

The final period saw the Longhorns extend their lead with a goal from Paul Lafond, assisted by Fallon and Jim Hutchinson. The Reapers managed to break through once more, as Scott Kelly found the net with help from Lemish, but it was too little, too late. The Longhorns outshot the Reapers 26-24 and controlled the pace throughout the game, with Smith's solid goaltending securing the win.



#### **Bolts Rally Past Mountainmen for 4-2 Victory**

The Mountainmen started strong in their matchup against the Bolts, jumping out to an early lead in the first period. Jim Daniels struck first at 10:30 with assists from Chris O'Keefe and Rich Greer, followed by George Levoy doubling the lead just 20 seconds later. However, the Bolts responded late in the period with an unassisted goal from Dave Richardson, cutting the deficit to 2-1 heading into the second.

Momentum shifted in the second period as the Bolts found their rhythm. Peter Vitello tied the game at 6:24, assisted by Jeff Uva, and just under two minutes later, Richardson struck again with what would become the game-winning goal, assisted by Daron Jacobs. The Mountainmen struggled to generate offensive pressure, managing only six shots in the period as the Bolts tightened their defense.

In the final period, the Bolts secured their victory with a goal from Andrew Burke at 11:32, with Jacobs and Richardson earning assists. The Mountainmen increased their shot total with 14 attempts, but Bolts goaltender Rick Welch stood strong, making key saves to preserve the win. The Bolts' efficient scoring and defensive discipline helped them outlast the Mountainmen 4-2.



## **Spartans Dominate Hawks in 6-2 Victory**

The Spartans came out firing in the first period, quickly establishing control with three unanswered goals. Mike Martin opened the scoring at 11:03, followed by Dave Currier just six minutes later. Pete Cleary then netted the eventual game-winner unassisted at 5:25, giving the Spartans a commanding lead. The Hawks managed to get on the board late in the period with a goal from Jim McNeill, assisted by Shawn Malloy, but still trailed 3-1 heading into the second.

The second period saw the Spartans extend their lead with another strong offensive push. Cleary struck again at 1:37, once again unassisted, before Currier added his second goal of the night just 38 seconds later. The Hawks struggled to generate offense, unable to register a single shot on goal during the period. Meanwhile, the Spartans' defense, backed by goaltender Matt Nelson, kept the Hawks at bay, maintaining their dominant lead.

In the final period, the Spartans sealed their victory with a goal from Mike Aylward at 11:39, assisted by Cleary. The Hawks managed to respond with an unassisted goal from Kevin Gee at 9:31, but it wasn't enough to spark a comeback. Despite outshooting the Spartans 28-21, the Hawks couldn't overcome the efficient scoring and strong defensive effort from their opponents. The Spartans walked away with an impressive 6-2 win.



### Astros Storm Back to Defeat Fury 6-2

The Fury started strong in the first period, taking an early lead with two goals from Tom House. House opened the scoring at 10:11, assisted by Kevin Mackin and Nate Rasmussen, before netting another unassisted goal just five minutes later. Despite the Astros outshooting the Fury 5-4 in the period, they couldn't find the back of the net, allowing the Fury to enter the second frame with a 2-0 advantage.

The Astros quickly turned the game around in the second period, scoring three unanswered goals. John Thoms Jr. got them on the board at 10:55 with an unassisted goal before striking again just under a minute later, assisted by Peter Faria. The game-winning goal came from John Ruzzano at 5:11, giving the Astros a

3-2 lead. Meanwhile, the Fury struggled to generate offense, managing only three shots in the period as the Astros' defense tightened up.

In the third period, the Astros solidified their victory with three more goals. Ruzzano extended the lead at 11:34 with help from Andrew Mellen, followed by Thoms Jr. securing his hat trick at 2:33. Mellen capped off the dominant performance with an unassisted goal at 1:17, sealing the 6-2 victory. Goaltender Andrew Pelley made key saves to keep the Fury from mounting a comeback, while the Astros outshot their opponents 22-10 overall.