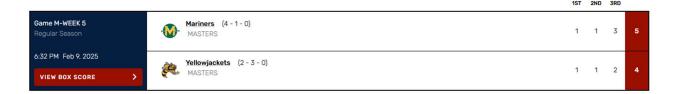


# **WINTER 2025: WEEK 5**

# **RECAP**





# Mariners Edge Yellowjackets in Tight 5-4 Victory

In a closely contested matchup, the Mariners secured a 5-4 victory over the Yellowjackets in a game that saw both teams exchanging goals throughout all three periods. The Yellowjackets struck first in the opening period with Sean Taylor finding the net, assisted by John Petricig and Dan Chouinard. However, the Mariners quickly responded as Alex Lee scored to level the game at 1-1 heading into the second period.

The second period saw more back-and-forth action, with John Krukiel putting the Mariners ahead early before Eric Murray equalized for the Yellowjackets. Both teams remained aggressive in the final period, trading goals, but it was Collin Brennan's late game-winning goal—assisted by Krukiel—that sealed the victory for the Mariners. Despite a strong effort from the Yellowjackets, their last-minute push fell short as Mariners' goaltender Mike Ciavattieri held firm in net.

With both teams displaying strong offensive efforts, the Mariners outlasted the Yellowjackets in a thrilling contest. The game saw no penalties, allowing for a fast-paced and uninterrupted battle on the ice. Key performances from Alex Lee and John Krukiel helped propel the Mariners to the win, while the Yellowjackets' Dan Chouinard put up a strong fight with a playmaker, along with John Petricig with a goal and 2 assists.



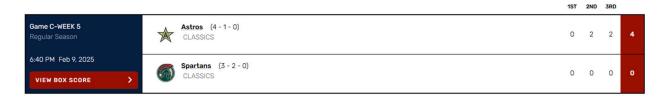
### **Bulls Rally Past Knights for 2-1 Victory**

The Bulls secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Knights in a low-scoring but intense matchup. Both teams remained scoreless through the first period, with limited shots on goal as strong defensive play and solid goaltending kept the scoreboard blank. The Knights struck first in the second period when Rob Reale, assisted by Ryan Reale, found the back of the net. However, the Bulls responded quickly with Ben Quelle netting the equalizer off assists from John Killion and Josh Tobias.

The game remained deadlocked at 1-1 heading into the final period, with both teams battling for the go-ahead goal. It was the Bulls who capitalized midway through the third, as John Killion buried the game-winner with an assist from Mike DeBenedictis. Despite a late push from the Knights, Bulls' goaltender Tom Andrade stood strong, turning away multiple shots to preserve the lead.

With a disciplined approach and strong defense, the Bulls managed to outshoot the Knights 18-10 while staying out of the penalty box in the final period. The Knights' Adam Figlioli made several key saves but couldn't prevent the Bulls from taking control in the later stages of the game. This win marks an important step forward for the Bulls as they continue their season campaign.





#### Andy Pelley Shines as Astros Dominate Spartans in 4-0 Victory

Goaltender Andy Pelley was the star of the night, delivering a flawless performance to lead the Astros to a commanding 4-0 shutout win over the Spartans. Both teams remained scoreless in the first period as defenses held strong, but the Astros picked up momentum in the second. John Keyes broke the deadlock with an unassisted goal at 10:25, followed by John Ruzzano doubling the lead just minutes later with help from Andrew Mellen and Sean Cannon.

The Astros continued their dominance in the third period, adding two more goals to seal the victory. Des Walsh capitalized on a defensive miscue to extend the lead to 3-0, and Dave Fallon capped off the scoring with an unassisted goal at 3:46. Meanwhile, the Spartans struggled to generate offensive opportunities, managing just 13 shots on goal compared to the Astros' 26.

Andy Pelley's stellar goaltending was the defining factor in the game, as he turned away every Spartans attempt to earn a well-deserved shutout. His poise in net and key saves throughout the game earned him

Player of the Game honors. With this dominant win, the Astros continue to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with this season.



### Hawks Edge Fury in Defensive Battle, 1-0

In a low-scoring but intense matchup, the Hawks secured a narrow 1-0 victory over the Fury, with Chuck Kilfoye scoring the lone goal early in the first period. Assisted by Scott Gosselin at 2:34, Kilfoye's goal proved to be the game-winner as both teams struggled to generate offense for the remainder of the game.

Despite the lack of scoring, the game was a showcase of strong defensive play and exceptional goaltending. Hawks' netminder Barry Kaiser recorded a flawless shutout, turning away every Fury attempt. On the other end, Brandon Cardoza kept his team in the game with solid saves but received no offensive support. The Hawks' lone misstep came in the second period when they were penalized for too many players on the ice, but the Fury failed to capitalize on the advantage.

With this victory, the Hawks continue to build momentum behind a defense-first approach, while the Fury will need to find answers on offense moving forward. The goaltending duel between Kaiser and Cardoza kept fans on edge, but in the end, the Hawks' early strike made all the difference.

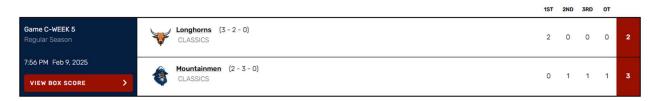


## **Bolts Triumph Over Reapers in Overtime Thriller**

The Bolts claimed a dramatic 5-4 victory over the Reapers in an exciting overtime contest, with Tony Rota scoring the game-winning goal at 4:20 of the extra period. The game was a back-and-forth affair, with both teams trading goals throughout the match. Rota, who had already netted two goals in regulation, played a crucial role in securing the win for the Bolts with his third of the game.

The action started early, with the Bolts taking a 2-0 lead in the first period thanks to goals from Tony Rota and Dave Richardson. The Reapers responded with John Dunn's unassisted goal to narrow the gap before the end of the period. The Bolts extended their lead in the second period, with Rota scoring his second of the game, and Daron Jacobs adding another, while the Reapers found the net through Dan Sloan. As the game progressed, the Reapers mounted a comeback in the third period, with Brook Conley scoring two quick goals to tie the game 4-4, forcing overtime.

In overtime, the Bolts capitalized on a well-executed play, with Rota finding the back of the net again off an assist from Dave Richardson to seal the win. Despite the Reapers' resilience and strong performances from Conley and Sloan, the Bolts' timely offense and Rota's standout performance were enough to secure the victory. Both teams displayed impressive offensive firepower, but it was the Bolts who emerged victorious after a thrilling back-and-forth battle.



#### Brian McKenna Leads Mountainmen to OT Victory Over Longhorns After Recent Trade from Hawks

In a thrilling overtime finish, the Mountainmen triumphed 3-2 over the Longhorns, with recent acquisition Brian McKenna scoring the game-winning goal. The first period saw both teams active offensively, with the Longhorns taking a 2-0 lead early on. Scott Varley and John Zimmer each scored for the Longhorns, with Zimmer's goal coming just eight seconds after Varley's, setting up a tense contest. However, the Mountainmen mounted a comeback in the second and third periods, with Chris O'Keefe scoring two quick goals to tie the game at 2-2.

The game remained tied through the third period, despite several opportunities on both sides. The Mountainmen's defense and goaltending, led by Ron Hughes, held strong against the Longhorns' offensive pressure. In the overtime period, it was McKenna who seized the moment, scoring the game-winning goal at 3:59. His effort, assisted by Rich Greer, sealed the win and ensured his status as the player of the game. McKenna's performance in just his second game with the Mountainmen, was pivotal in securing their comeback victory.

Goaltenders Doc Smith for the Longhorns and Ron Hughes for the Mountainmen both played key roles in the match, with each goalie making significant saves throughout the game. Smith faced 26 shots, while Hughes managed to stop 19. Despite the Longhorns' early advantage, Hughes' solid play allowed the Mountainmen to claw their way back into the contest, setting the stage for McKenna's overtime heroics. The Mountainmen's resilience and McKenna's timely goal made this an unforgettable finish.