

WINTER 2025: WEEK 6

RECAP





Yellowjackets Secure 4-1 Victory Over Bulls with Strong Team Effort

The Yellowjackets claimed a decisive 4-1 win over the Bulls, with a balanced offensive attack and solid goaltending from Bryan Prendeville. The game started with an early goal by Ryan Twigg, assisted by Ken Twigg and Chris Yuknis, giving the Yellowjackets a 1-0 lead after the first period. Both teams played physically, with the Bulls trying to match the Yellowjackets' energy while generating offensive chances of their own.

In the second period, John Petricig delivered what would be the game-winning goal at 11:36, extending the Yellowjackets' lead to 2-0. The Bulls responded with a goal from John Killion, assisted by Josh Tobias, cutting the deficit to one. However, the Yellowjackets continued to apply pressure and limit the Bulls' scoring opportunities. Their defense, along with Prendeville's steady goaltending, kept the Bulls from capitalizing on key chances.

The third period saw the Yellowjackets seal the win with two additional goals. Petricig netted his second of the game at 4:27, followed by a late goal from Dan Chouinard with just over a minute remaining. Both goals were a result of crisp passing and strong offensive execution. The Bulls, despite 24 shots on goal, couldn't find a way past Prendeville's solid performance in net. The Yellowjackets' depth and efficiency proved too much, securing an important victory for their squad.



Knights Outlast Threshers in High-Scoring Battle

The Knights emerged victorious in a back-and-forth contest against the Threshers, securing a 5-4 win. The game started with Anthony LeClair putting the Threshers ahead early, but the Knights responded with a goal from Ross Reale to tie the game before the first intermission. Both teams played a disciplined opening period, with no penalties called and strong defensive efforts on both sides.

The second period saw the Knights take control, scoring three times with goals from Sam Perkins, Brian Pineau, and Rob Reale. The Threshers fought back with a goal from Scott Ormiston, keeping themselves within striking distance. The Knights' offensive pressure was relentless, capitalizing on turnovers and maintaining a steady attack. By the end of the second, the Knights held a 4-2 advantage, but the Threshers were not done yet.

In the third period, the Threshers mounted a comeback attempt, scoring twice in quick succession, with Eric Johnson and Kevin Cinquegrano finding the net. However, Pineau delivered the game-winning goal at 5:36, assisted by Dan Connolly and Perkins, sealing the win for the Knights. Goaltender Adam Figlioli stood strong in the closing minutes, fending off late chances from the Threshers to preserve the hard-fought victory.



Monarchs Surge Late to Defeat Mariners

The Monarchs powered past the Mariners with a dominant third-period performance, securing a 6-3 victory despite only having 6 players dressed for the game.

The game began with both teams trading early goals, as Matt McCourt put the Monarchs on the board first, only for the Mariners to respond with two quick strikes from Collin Brennan and Rob McDonnell. The Mariners carried a narrow 2-1 lead into the first intermission, displaying strong offensive pressure while limiting the Monarchs to just two shots on goal.

In the second period, the Monarchs regained momentum, scoring twice through Dan Buckingham and McCourt to reclaim the lead. The Mariners kept themselves in the game with a goal from Peter Krukiel, but the Monarchs' defensive adjustments slowed down their attack. Despite a more even distribution of shots, Monarchs' goaltender Jeff Delnickas stood tall, keeping his team ahead heading into the final period.

The Monarchs pulled away in the third with a game-winning goal from Matt Drew at 8:50, followed by another tally from Buckingham and an empty-netter by Ben Perrotta to seal the victory. The Mariners were unable to generate much offense in the closing minutes, and Delnickas continued his strong play in net. With this win, the Monarchs showcased their resilience and ability to capitalize on late-game opportunities.



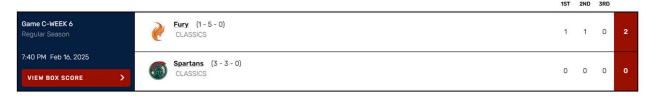


Bolts and Longhorns Battle to a Tie Amidst Heroic Efforts

The game between the Bolts and Longhorns ended in a 1-1 tie after play was stopped with 6:07 left in the second period due to a concerning situation on the ice. Despite the intense competition, the true highlight of the night was the swift and courageous response from first responders and fellow players who stepped up in a moment of need. Their actions underscored the strength and camaraderie that define this league, proving that hockey is about much more than just the final score.

Before the game was halted, both teams put up a strong fight. The Bolts struck first in the opening period with Tim Cruz finding the back of the net off a setup from Andrew Burke. The Longhorns responded in the second period when John Currie buried the equalizer with assists from Jim Hutchinson and John Zimmer. Both teams had their chances, but goaltenders Rick Welch and Doc Smith stood tall, keeping the game deadlocked.

Although no more goals were recorded, the night's events put the game into perspective. In moments of uncertainty, the league's players, officials, and medical personnel showed remarkable unity and compassion. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who played a role in ensuring the well-being of those involved. It was a night that highlighted not just the competition on the ice, but the character and heart of the entire hockey community.



Fury Shuts Down Spartans in Defensive Showdown

The Fury controlled the pace from the start, securing an early lead and holding strong defensively to claim a 2-0 victory over the Spartans. Just over a minute into the game, Sean Vitello found the back of the net with help from Jay DiCarlo, giving the Fury an early advantage. Goaltender Dan Nason made key stops throughout the opening period to keep the Spartans off the board despite their offensive pressure.

The second period saw the Fury extend their lead when Tom Hickie capitalized on a setup from Scott Leahy, making it 2-0. The Spartans pushed hard to respond, outshooting the Fury in the middle frame, but Nason continued his stellar performance in net. The Fury's disciplined play helped them avoid penalties, keeping the Spartans from gaining momentum on special teams.

With a two-goal lead heading into the third, the Fury locked down defensively, preventing the Spartans from generating high-quality scoring chances. The Spartans' goaltender, Glen Falvey, kept his team in the game with key saves, but the offense couldn't find a way past Nason. With a strong defensive effort and timely scoring, the Fury secured a well-earned shutout victory.

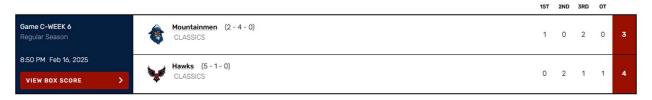


Astros Surge Late to Overpower Reapers

In a high-scoring battle, the Astros pulled away in the third period to secure an 8-5 victory over the Reapers. The Reapers struck first, with John Dunn finding the net off a pass from Scott Kelly, but the Astros responded late in the period with Peter Faria's equalizer. Both teams traded goals in the second, with the Reapers' Eric Morgan and Dan Sloan countering scores from Mike Fuller and Dave Fallon of the Astros.

The game remained tight entering the third, but the Astros found another gear, taking control with a relentless offensive push. John Thoms Jr. and Andrew Mellen scored back-to-back goals, while Fallon netted the gamewinner with an assist from Jerry Folkard. The Reapers attempted to rally, with Sloan and Kelly adding late goals, but the Astros' efficient finishing proved too much to overcome.

Goaltender Andrew Pelley stood strong for the Astros, shutting down the Reapers in key moments despite the high shot count. With a total of five different goal scorers and clutch plays throughout, the Astros showcased their offensive depth. The Reapers battled hard, but the Astros' late-game surge sealed a well-earned victory.



Fallon's Overtime Heroics Lift Hawks Over Mountainmen

In a thrilling contest, the Hawks edged past the Mountainmen 4-3 in overtime, thanks to Peter Fallon's clutch performance. The Mountainmen struck first in the opening period with Pat Scully finding the net off assists from Chris O'Keefe and Jim Daniels. The Hawks responded in the second period with back-to-back goals from Fallon and Frank Elwood, giving them a 2-1 lead heading into the final frame.

The Mountainmen regained momentum in the third, with Jim Daniels and George Levoy each scoring to reclaim the lead. However, Fallon delivered once again, capitalizing on a shorthanded opportunity to tie the game at three apiece. Both teams fought hard down the stretch, but neither could find the go-ahead goal in regulation, setting the stage for overtime.

In the extra period, Fallon completed his stellar night by netting the game-winning goal unassisted, securing the victory for the Hawks. Goaltender Barry Kaiser stood strong in net, stopping 23 of 26 shots, while Ron Hughes put up a valiant effort for the Mountainmen. Fallon's standout performance proved the difference as the Hawks celebrated a dramatic comeback win.