

WINTER 2025: WEEK 7

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Newcomer Conachen Leads Mariners Past Undermanned Bulls

An understaffed Bulls team struggled to find momentum as the Mariners secured a 3-0 victory, powered by newcomer Ryan Conachen's impressive debut performance. Despite being short on players, the Bulls put up a fight but couldn't break through a solid Mariners defense anchored by goaltender Mike Ciavattieri. The game remained scoreless through the first period as both teams exchanged early penalties but failed to capitalize on power-play opportunities.

The Mariners broke the deadlock in the second period with a power-play goal at 11:17, as Conachen netted his first goal, assisted by Kyle Smythe and Steve Fay. The Bulls' penalty troubles continued, making it difficult to generate offensive pressure. The Mariners controlled the pace and doubled their lead early in the third when Mike Fay found the net with an assist from Ciavattieri. Conachen struck again at 2:49, sealing the win with his second goal off a feed from Rob McDonnell.

While the Bulls battled hard despite their limited roster, their offense struggled to overcome the Mariners' disciplined defense and strong goaltending. Ciavattieri stood tall, turning aside all 12 shots he faced for a shutout performance. Conachen's two-goal debut highlighted the Mariners' offensive depth and provided a promising glimpse of what's to come for the team as the season continues.



Yellowjackets Overpower Threshers in Intense, Physical Battle

In a hard-hitting contest, the Yellowjackets surged past the Threshers 9-3, fueled by a dominant offensive performance and a physical edge. The Yellowjackets set the tone early with three first-period goals, including strikes from Sean Taylor, John Petricig, and Eric Murray. The Threshers fought back with two power-play goals from Eric Johnson and John Sances, keeping the game within reach as tempers flared on the ice.

The second period saw the Yellowjackets pull away, led by Eric Murray's second goal, which would stand as the game-winner. Petricig added another tally just minutes later, extending the lead to 5-2. The physical play boiled over with a heated exchange that resulted in game misconducts for Anthony Leclair of the Threshers and Dan Chouinard of the Yellowjackets. Despite the chippy play, the Yellowjackets maintained their composure and continued to press offensively.

The third period was all Yellowjackets, with Petricig completing a four-goal night and capping off his stellar performance. Kevin Cinquegrano managed to notch one more for the Threshers, but it wasn't enough to slow the Yellowjackets' offensive onslaught. Goaltender Howie Bumpus stood tall, turning aside nine shots, while Joe Burke of the Threshers faced relentless pressure throughout the game. The Yellowjackets' mix of physicality and scoring depth proved too much, securing a convincing win in this heated matchup.



Figlioli's Shutout Leads Knights to Victory Over Monarchs

Adam Figlioli delivered a stellar performance between the pipes, earning a shutout as the Knights defeated the Monarchs 3-0. The Knights wasted no time getting on the board, scoring twice in the opening two minutes. Brian Pineau struck first at 1:54, assisted by Sean Foley and Adam Fenton. Just 92 seconds later, Foley added another goal with help from Sam Perkins and Tom Smith, giving the Knights an early cushion.

The second period saw no scoring but was marked by increased physical play and several penalties. Both teams exchanged infractions, including roughing penalties to Dan McKinney of the Monarchs and Patrick Sharp of the Knights. Despite the Monarchs' efforts to break through, Figlioli remained composed, turning away all 13 shots he faced. The Knights' defense held strong, frustrating the Monarchs' offensive advances.

In the final period, the Knights sealed the win with an insurance goal just 16 seconds in. Sean Foley notched his second tally of the night, assisted by Pineau and Perkins. Figlioli's flawless goaltending was the difference-maker, as the Knights controlled play and secured a commanding shutout victory. This win showcased the Knights' offensive efficiency and Figlioli's brilliance in net.



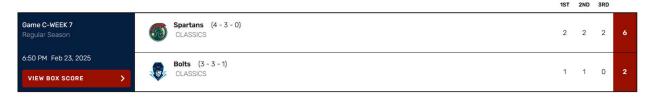


Longhorns Capitalize on Breakaways to Dominate Fury

The Longhorns' speed proved too much for the Fury defense, as they cruised to a 6-1 victory fueled by a series of breakaway goals. After falling behind early to a goal by Tom Hickie, the Longhorns responded with three first-period goals. John Zimmer led the charge, netting a hat trick in under five minutes. His game-winning goal came at 1:36, assisted by Mike Crisp and Mike Zucarelli, highlighting the Longhorns' quick transitions and offensive firepower.

The second period continued the Longhorns' offensive onslaught as they stretched their lead with two more breakaway finishes. Zimmer struck again at 6:48, completing a four-goal night with help from John Currie. Moments later, Crisp added another tally, with Tim Routhier providing the setup. Despite their best efforts, the Fury defense struggled to contain the Longhorns' relentless speed and quick puck movement, leaving goaltender Dan Nason under constant pressure.

In the third period, the Longhorns sealed the win with an unassisted goal from Brook Conley at 5:03. While the Fury tried to push back, their offense was limited to just 12 shots on goal, all turned aside by Doc Smith. The Longhorns' ability to convert breakaways and their defensive discipline kept the Fury from mounting a comeback. With this decisive win, the Longhorns demonstrated their offensive depth and ability to exploit defensive lapses.



Spartans Surge Past Bolts with Dominant Offensive Performance

The Spartans delivered a commanding 6-2 victory over the Bolts, fueled by a relentless offensive attack and balanced scoring across all three periods. After falling behind early to an Art Riccio goal for the Bolts, the Spartans quickly responded. Rich Boyle tied the game at 8:36 of the first period, and Pete Cleary added another with just six seconds left, giving the Spartans a 2-1 lead heading into the second.

The Bolts briefly evened the score on a power-play goal by Mark Vitello at 9:05 of the second period, but the Spartans wasted no time reclaiming control. Bill Petrarca netted the game-winner less than a minute later, with an assist from Cleary. Steve Figlioli extended the lead to 4-2 at 5:21, capping a dominant second frame where the Spartans outshot the Bolts 11-7 and capitalized on defensive breakdowns.

The third period saw no signs of the Spartans slowing down, as Cleary scored his second goal of the game at 10:06, and Boyle sealed the win with an unassisted tally just minutes later. Goaltender Matt Nelson stood

tall, turning aside 17 of 19 shots, while the Spartans' aggressive offensive play resulted in 36 total shots. The victory showcased the Spartans' depth and ability to respond under pressure, maintaining control after every Bolts push.



Mountainmen Dominate Reapers with Explosive Offensive Display

The Mountainmen overwhelmed the Reapers with a commanding 8-2 victory, powered by an outstanding performance from Jim Daniels and Chris O'Keefe. The first period set the tone as the Mountainmen scored four unanswered goals after Pete Tamborella gave the Reapers a brief lead. Daniels tallied a hat trick before the first intermission, including the game-winning goal at 5:24, while O'Keefe added two assists to his early offensive contributions.

Despite a second-period goal from Kevin Watson to narrow the gap for the Reapers, the Mountainmen responded swiftly. Daniels struck again with his fourth goal of the game at the 1:00 mark, assisted by O'Keefe and Rich Greer. Goaltender Ron Hughes stood tall for the Mountainmen, turning aside 15 of 17 shots while his team continued to apply pressure on the offensive end.

The third period showcased the Mountainmen's dominance as O'Keefe netted his second goal of the night, and George Levoy capped off the scoring at 6:53. The Reapers struggled to contain the Mountainmen's relentless attack and couldn't generate enough offense to mount a comeback. With contributions from multiple players and stellar goaltending, the Mountainmen's impressive win further cements their place as a formidable force this season.



Hawks Outgun Astros with Strong Offensive Performance

The Hawks delivered a powerful offensive performance to secure a 7-3 victory over the Astros. Shawn Malloy led the charge with a hat trick, starting with an unassisted goal at 7:53 in the first period. Despite quick responses from the Astros' Des Walsh and Sean Cannon, the Hawks reclaimed the lead with goals from Tom Doucette and Malloy to close the first frame up 3-2.

The second period saw the Hawks extend their advantage with two quick goals. Malloy completed his hat trick with the game-winning goal at 2:07, assisted by Doucette and Chuck Kilfoye. Less than two minutes later, Doucette added his second goal of the night, giving the Hawks a comfortable 5-2 lead while goaltender Barry Kaiser held strong against the Astros' offensive push.

In the third period, the Astros showed signs of life when Sean Cannon scored his second goal of the game at 10:05. However, the Hawks quickly shut down any comeback hopes with late goals from Jim Mulhern and Peter Fallon. The Hawks' balanced attack and Malloy's dominant performance proved too much for the Astros, handing them a convincing win in a well-rounded team effort.