

# **WINTER 2025: WEEK 10**

# RECAP



Badge Earners This Week:

This week's games saw some stellar individual efforts, with players stepping up in key moments to earn their badges. The Top Sauce badge, awarded to players who notch three or more assists in a game, was claimed by two playmakers who orchestrated their teams' offenses with precision.

John Petricig of the Yellowjackets had an outstanding game, registering two goals and three assists in his team's 7-5 victory over the Mariners. His playmaking skills were on full display, setting up crucial goals while also finding the net himself. Joining him is Duncan Morrissey of the Threshers, who racked up two goals and four assists in his team's 6-4 win over the Monarchs. Morrissey was involved in nearly every offensive play, proving to be an invaluable asset to his squad.

While no players earned the Sharpshooter badge for a three-goal game or the Brick Wall badge for a shutout this week, the performances of Petricig and Morrissey were enough to stand out as the top playmakers. As the season progresses, more players will be looking to add their names to the badge leaderboard with clutch performances.

Congrats to all the badge earners for their impressive achievements this week!



#### Threshers Break Through Behind Johnny D's Big Night

The Threshers secured their first win of the season with a strong offensive performance, defeating the Monarchs 6-4. Leading the charge was Johnny DeVincentis, who tallied two goals and an assist, playing a key role in the team's success. The Threshers came out firing in the first period, netting three quick goals after an early strike by the Monarchs. Eric Johnson, DeVincentis, and Duncan Morrissey each found the back of the net, setting the tone for an explosive offensive effort.

The Monarchs responded in the second, scoring three unanswered goals to take a brief lead, with Matt Drew and Mike Kelly leading the attack. However, the Threshers capitalized on a power play opportunity, as DeVincentis struck again to even the game before the final frame. With momentum on their side, the Threshers took control in the third period. Morrissey netted the game-winner at 11:33, followed by an insurance goal from Jack Molito to seal the victory. Goaltender Joe Burke stood tall in net, making 20 saves to preserve the win.

With contributions from across the lineup, including multiple points from Morrissey and Johnson, the Threshers proved they have the firepower to compete. This victory puts them in the win column and provides a much-needed confidence boost heading into their next matchup. If they can keep the offense rolling, the Threshers may have just found their winning formula.



#### **Bulls Dominate Knights with Balanced Attack**

The Bulls delivered a commanding 7-1 victory over the Knights, fueled by a deep offensive effort and strong goaltending from Tom Andrade. Marty Carabin got the scoring started early, setting the tone for the Bulls' first-period surge. Josh Tobias followed up with the eventual game-winner just seconds before the buzzer, giving the Bulls a 2-0 lead heading into the break. The Knights struggled to generate momentum early, managing only three shots in the opening frame.

The second period saw the Bulls take full control, adding three more goals in quick succession. Josh Sigsworth found the net twice, with assists from Jason O'Connell and Tobias, while Tom Powers added another to extend the lead. The Knights finally got on the board thanks to Sean Foley, but the damage had already been done. Despite a more aggressive offensive push in the third period, the Knights couldn't close the gap.

O'Connell and Adam Bellantoni sealed the game with two final goals in the third, ensuring the Bulls' dominant performance. And rade was steady in net, stopping 14 of 17 shots, while Adam Figlioli faced a

relentless Bulls attack. With this win, the Bulls showcased their offensive depth and defensive discipline, positioning themselves as a team to watch moving forward.



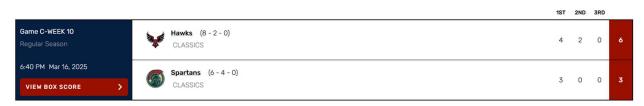
## Yellowjackets Overpower Mariners in High-Scoring Battle

The Yellowjackets secured a 7-5 victory over the Mariners in an offensive showdown, led by a standout performance from John Petricig, who tallied two goals and three assists. The Yellowjackets wasted no time establishing control, striking twice in the first period, including a power-play goal by Bill McIver. The Mariners struggled to generate offense early, managing only two shots in the opening frame, while the Yellowjackets' relentless attack kept them on their heels.

The Mariners found life in the second period as Mike Melanson scored back-to-back goals to tie the game. However, the Yellowjackets responded quickly, with McIver netting his second of the night and John Krukiel keeping the Mariners within striking distance. As the game moved into the third, the Yellowjackets' offensive depth proved too much, as Chris Yuknis and Chris Boussy extended the lead. Despite a late power-play goal from Alex Lee, Petricig sealed the game with an empty-netter in the final seconds.

Goaltender Howie Bumpus made key saves down the stretch to secure the win, while Mariners' netminder Mike Ciavattieri faced a steady barrage of 23 shots. The Yellowjackets' balanced attack, with contributions from multiple lines, proved to be the difference-maker. With this victory, they continue to show their offensive firepower, while the Mariners will look to tighten up defensively in their next outing.





# Hawks Dominate Early, Hold Off Spartans for Victory

The Hawks came out flying in the first period, netting four goals to take an early lead over the Spartans. Jim Mulhern opened the scoring with an assist from Frank Elwood, but the Spartans responded quickly with a goal from Pete Cleary. The teams exchanged tallies, with Kevin Gee striking twice for the Hawks and John Davey scoring a short-handed game-winner in the final minutes of the period. Despite a power-play goal from Jeff Vancura for the Spartans, the Hawks led 4-3 after an action-packed first.

In the second period, the Hawks extended their lead with two more goals. Jim McNeill struck first, finishing a play set up by Shawn Malloy and Kevin Gee. Moments later, Ted Duggan added another insurance goal with an assist from Elwood. The Spartans struggled to generate offense, failing to capitalize on a few key opportunities. The Hawks' defensive structure tightened, limiting the Spartans' chances and keeping them off the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

The third period saw no scoring, as both teams played conservatively to protect their positions. Barry Kaiser stood tall in net for the Hawks, shutting down any late comeback attempts by the Spartans. With the 6-3 victory, the Hawks secured an important win, showing both offensive firepower and defensive resilience.



## Astros Take Control, Shut Down Fury in 4-1 Win

The Astros set the tone early with a first-period goal from Matt Brennan, assisted by Pete O'Brien and John Thoms Jr. Controlling the tempo, they outshot the Fury 10-4 in the opening frame, applying consistent pressure on goaltender Dan Nason. Despite a few counterattacks from the Fury, the Astros' defense remained solid, preventing any first-period goals and keeping their momentum heading into the second.

Brennan struck again early in the second period, netting what would be the game-winning goal off another setup from O'Brien. The duo remained a dominant force, with O'Brien adding a goal of his own less than a minute later. The Astros continued to dictate play, outshooting the Fury 11-5 in the frame, while goaltender Andrew Pelley turned away every chance that came his way. The Fury struggled to find offensive rhythm, heading into the third period facing a steep uphill battle.

In the final period, the Fury finally broke through when Scott Leahy scored off a pass from Teddy Bohld. However, any hopes of a comeback were quickly dashed as Sean Cannon responded with a late insurance goal for the Astros, sealing a 4-1 victory. Pelley finished strong in net, making 16 saves on 17 shots, while the Astros' relentless attack and defensive discipline proved too much for the Fury to overcome.



#### Bolts Strike Early, Hold Off Mountainmen for 5-2 Victory

The Bolts came out strong in the first period, quickly establishing a lead with a short-handed goal from Jamie Jernegan, assisted by Peter Vitello. Just over a minute later, Art Riccio extended the lead, capitalizing on a setup from Mark Vitello and Tony Rota. The Mountainmen responded at the eight-minute mark, as Chris

O'Keefe found the back of the net with help from Pat Scully and Walter Sullivan. However, the Bolts maintained control, outshooting the Mountainmen 6-5 in the opening period.

Jeff Uva took over in the second period, netting what would be the game-winning goal at 10:45, assisted by Tim Cruz and Dave Richardson. Uva struck again just five minutes later, with Mark Vitello setting him up for his second of the night. The Bolts capped off their dominant second frame with a goal from Cruz at 3:02, pushing the lead to 5-1. Despite some physical play leading to penalties on both sides, the Mountainmen struggled to generate quality chances, managing just seven shots in the period.

The Mountainmen found some life in the third when Mike Simon scored off a feed from Mike Monahan at 9:11, but it was too little, too late. Bolts goaltender Rick Welch remained solid between the pipes, stopping 15 of 17 shots to secure the win. The Bolts' well-balanced attack and defensive stability proved too much for the Mountainmen, who couldn't recover from the early deficit.



#### Longhorns Rally for Emotional Win with Bailey in Attendance

The Longhorns secured a hard-fought 5-3 victory over the Reapers, but the true highlight of the night was the return of honorary player of the game, Jim Bailey. A longtime member of the Longhorns, Bailey's presence in the stands was an inspiring moment for the team and the league, as he overcame a recent medical scare. His return was met with an outpouring of support, and a big thank-you goes out to him and his girlfriend for making the effort to be there for the team.

On the ice, the Longhorns struck first with Paul LaFond finding the net in the opening period. The Reapers responded in the second, netting two quick goals from Jim Polito and Scott Kelly to take the lead. However, the Longhorns answered back with a late-period goal from Brook Conley to even the score at 2-2 heading into the final frame. Both teams fought hard, but the Longhorns' relentless pressure paid off in the third. Tim Fallon broke the deadlock before the game-winning goal fittingly came from Bailey himself (honorary), assisted by Mike Crisp and Tim Routhier.

With the win, goaltender Doc Smith stood tall, stopping 25 of 28 shots, while Scott Varley sealed the victory with an empty-net goal in the final seconds. The energy in the building was electric, fueled by Bailey's inspiring presence. His return served as a reminder of the strength of the hockey community, and the Longhorns delivered a performance worthy of the occasion.