

WINTER 2025: WEEK 11

RECAP



Badge Earners This Week:

This week saw some standout performances across the league, with players earning Top Sauce, and Brick Wall honors for their exceptional play.

- Barry Kaiser claimed the Brick Wall badge with a stellar shutout performance in the Hawks' 5-0 victory over the Fury. Facing 22 shots, Kaiser remained unbeatable, anchoring his team to a dominant win.
- Sean Foley earned the Top Sauce badge with an impressive three-assist performance, contributing to a four-point game and setting up teammates with precision passing.

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





Knights Shut Down Monarchs with Strong Second Period

The Knights put together a dominant performance against the Monarchs, securing a 5-1 victory behind a strong second period surge. Both teams played a tight defensive game in the first, with neither side finding the net. However, once the Knights broke through in the second, they never looked back. Sean Foley opened the scoring at 9:31, and just a few minutes later, Patrick Sharp netted the game-winner. The Knights continued their offensive onslaught with late-period goals from Jack Bannon and Brian Pineau, giving them a commanding 4-0 lead heading into the final frame.

The Monarchs managed to get on the board in the third with an unassisted goal from Mike Kelly, but any hope of a comeback was quickly dashed when the Knights responded with a goal from Ross Reale at 4:01. Foley had a standout performance, finishing with a goal and two assists, making his presence felt on nearly every key play. Goaltender Bryan Prendeville was solid between the pipes, making key saves to keep the Monarchs' offense quiet for most of the game.

The Knights' ability to capitalize in the second period proved to be the difference, as they controlled possession and outshot the Monarchs 14-11 overall. While the Monarchs showed some fight in the third, they struggled to create offensive chances and were unable to recover from the Knights' scoring burst. With this win, the Knights continue to build momentum, while the Monarchs will look to regroup and bounce back in their next matchup.



Yellowjackets Dominate Threshers with Explosive Offensive Display

The Yellowjackets came out firing and never let up, cruising to a 7-1 victory over the Threshers in a commanding performance. The first period set the tone as Jason Bernard opened the scoring at 8:31, followed shortly by Drew Fitzgerald's game-winning goal at 4:39. Chris Yuknis capped off the period with another tally, giving the Yellowjackets a strong 3-0 lead heading into the second. Goaltender Howie Bumpus also contributed offensively, earning an assist on Bernard's goal while remaining rock solid in net.

The Threshers showed signs of life early in the second period when Brendan Bohld scored an unassisted goal at 10:17, but that would be their only breakthrough of the night. The Yellowjackets quickly extinguished any momentum when Bernard struck again just before the period expired, restoring their three-goal cushion. The third period was all Yellowjackets, with John Petricig, Bill McIver, and Petricig again shorthanded sealing

the deal with late goals. The Threshers struggled to keep up, managing only 19 shots to the Yellowjackets' 32, and were unable to generate any sustained offensive pressure.

This dominant performance solidifies the Yellowjackets as a force to be reckoned with, led by Petricig's continued playmaking excellence and Yuknis' multi-point night. Their offensive firepower and stingy defense proved too much for the Threshers, who will need to regroup after this tough loss. Meanwhile, the Yellowjackets continue to roll, with their sights set on keeping their winning momentum alive.

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Game M-WEEK 11 Regular Season	Bulls (6 - 5 - 0) MASTERS	1	1	1	3
8:20 PM Mar 23, 2025	Mariners (8 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	1	1	2	4

Mariners Rally Late to Sink Bulls in Tight Contest

The Mariners pulled off a dramatic 4-3 victory over the Bulls, securing the win with a late third-period surge. The game started evenly, with both teams exchanging goals in the opening frame—John Krukiel struck first for the Mariners on the power play at 2:36, but the Bulls answered back with Marty Carabin's tally just 29 seconds before the period expired. The back-and-forth continued in the second, with Peter Krukiel putting the Mariners ahead before Josh Tobias responded for the Bulls, keeping the game deadlocked heading into the final period.

The third period saw the Bulls briefly grab a 3-2 lead at the three-minute mark, thanks to Adam Bellantoni's goal, but the Mariners refused to back down. Mike Tantillo evened things up just 30 seconds later, setting up the thrilling finish. With under two minutes left, Collin Brennan delivered the game-winning goal off a setup from Alex Lee and Mike Fay, sealing the Mariners' hard-fought victory. Despite being outshot 24-17, the Mariners capitalized on key opportunities and benefited from Mike Ciavattieri's steady goaltending between the pipes.

This win highlights the Mariners' resilience, as they overcame multiple deficits to claim the victory. Krukiel's early power-play goal and Brennan's clutch game-winner bookended a strong offensive effort, while the Bulls struggled to hold onto their late lead. With this win, the Mariners continue to gain momentum, while the Bulls will look to regroup and tighten their defensive play moving forward.



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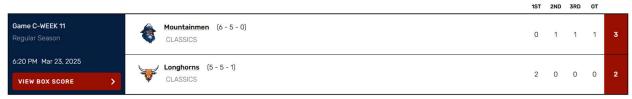
Game C-WEEK 11 Regular Season	Spartans (7 - 4 - 0) CLASSICS	4	2	2	8
6:12 PM Mar 23, 2025	▲ Astros (7 - 4 - 0)				
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Spartans Overpower Astros with High-Octane Offensive Performance

The Spartans put on a commanding performance, overpowering the Astros in an 8-2 victory. Right from the start, the Spartans dictated the pace, striking four times in the opening period. Glenn Harnish set the tone with two early goals, followed by Bill Petrarca's game-winner at 1:45 and Jeff Vancura's unassisted tally just 33 seconds before the buzzer. The Astros struggled to contain the offensive pressure and found themselves in a deep hole early.

The second period saw the Spartans continue their relentless attack. Petrarca netted his second of the night at 9:15, and Mike Cashin extended the lead further. The Astros showed some life with Andrew Mellen's goal at 2:46, but it did little to slow the Spartans' momentum. Goalie Matt Nelson remained steady in net, keeping the Astros' offense in check despite them managing 10 total shots compared to the Spartans' nine.

The final period sealed the deal for the Spartans, with Mike Martin and Paul Brinkmann adding two more goals to cement the dominant win. The Astros managed a late goal from Dave Fallon, but the damage had already been done. With multiple standout performances, including Harnish's three-point night and Petrarca's two-goal effort, the Spartans proved too much to handle. With this victory, they continue to establish themselves as a high-scoring threat in the league.



Mountainmen Rally for Overtime Thriller Against Longhorns

In a high-stakes Classic Division matchup with playoff implications on the line, the Mountainmen pulled off a dramatic 3-2 overtime victory after falling behind early. The Longhorns, clinging to the final playoff spot, struck twice in the first period with shorthanded goals from Paul LaFond and Scott Varley. However, that would be the only offense they could muster, as Mountainmen goaltender Ronnie Hughes shut the door the rest of the way. On the other end, Doc Smith held strong for the Longhorns despite facing relentless pressure, keeping his team in the fight throughout regulation.

The Mountainmen chipped away at the deficit, with Jim Daniels finding the back of the net in the second period and Walter Sullivan tying the game late in the third. The contest was played with a playoff-like intensity, featuring seven minor penalties and two penalty shots—both of which were denied by Hughes and Smith. The Longhorns' depth was tested as they lost two players due to injury and equipment issues, making it even more difficult to hold off the surging Mountainmen.

With just over four minutes remaining in overtime, Daniels struck again, burying the game-winning goal off a feed from Pat Scully to complete the comeback. Both teams now turn their focus to the final stretch of the season, with six crucial points still up for grabs. A special nod goes to the referee, who was forced to officiate the final two periods and overtime solo due to unforeseen circumstances. The battle for the playoffs is far from over, and if this game was any indication, it's going to be an exciting finish.



Bolts Shut Down Reapers in 3-1 Victory

The Bolts secured a 3-1 win over the Reapers in a well-disciplined matchup, controlling the game from the start and never surrendering the lead. The Bolts struck early in the first period with a power-play goal from Tim Cruz, assisted by Art Riccio and Kurt Wyatt. Just a few minutes later, Peter Vitello netted what would stand as the game-winning goal, with Tony Rota providing the setup. Meanwhile, Reapers goalie Ken Menkello faced steady pressure, turning away multiple chances to keep his team within reach.

The Bolts extended their lead in the second period, as Tony Rota added an unassisted goal, giving his team a comfortable cushion. Despite being outshot 10-12, the Bolts' defense and goaltender Rick Welch remained composed, turning aside nine Reapers shots through two periods. The game saw very few stoppages, with only one penalty assessed—a high-sticking minor against Kevin Watson of the Reapers in the first period. Both teams kept their play clean, but the Reapers struggled to generate sustained offensive pressure.

The Reapers finally broke through late in the third, with Jim Polito scoring off a feed from Scott Kelly, but it was too little, too late. Welch shut the door on any further comeback attempts, securing the win for the Bolts. With the regular season winding down, both teams are looking to build momentum heading into the final stretch. The Bolts will aim to carry their strong defensive play forward, while the Reapers will need to find ways to ignite their offense in upcoming games.



Hawks Blank Fury in 5-0 Shutout Victory

The Hawks delivered a dominant performance, shutting out the Fury in a 5-0 victory behind stellar goaltending from Barry Kaiser. The Hawks wasted no time setting the tone, striking twice in the first period, with Shawn Malloy netting the game-winner off assists from John Davey and Mike Pollis. Davey added another goal later in the period, giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead heading into the second. Despite the Fury generating 11 first-period shots, they couldn't solve Kaiser, who stood tall between the pipes.

The second period saw the Hawks extend their lead with three more goals, completely taking control of the game. Malloy scored his second of the night, followed by goals from Frank Elwood and Peter Fallon, each capitalizing on crisp passing plays. The Fury's offense faltered in the middle frame, mustering only four shots as Hawks defense tightened up. Meanwhile, Dan Nason battled in net for the Fury, facing relentless pressure from a Hawks team that seemed to be clicking on all cylinders.

The third period remained scoreless, with the Hawks content to protect their five-goal cushion and close out the win. The Fury ramped up their shot count, firing seven shots on goal, but Kaiser remained unbeatable, securing the shutout victory. A lone penalty was called in the final period, with Malloy sitting for hooking, but the Fury couldn't capitalize. With this victory, the Hawks continue their strong push toward the playoffs, while the Fury will need to regroup and find offensive answers as they look to bounce back in their next outing.

