



## WINTER 2025: WEEK 14

### RECAP



#### Badge Earners This Week:

**Eric Johnson** of the Threshers earned the **Sharpshooter** badge after an outstanding performance, netting a hat trick and adding one assist for a total of four points. Johnson's offensive explosion helped propel his team to victory (and the Yellowjackets into the playoffs), and his three-goal game was a key factor in their win.





		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game M-WEEK 14 Regular Season  6:30 PM Apr 13, 2025  <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a> >	<b>Yellowjackets</b> (7 - 7 - 0) MASTERS	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
	<b>Mariners</b> (10 - 4 - 0) MASTERS	1	0	2	<b>3</b>

## Yellowjackets Punch Playoff Ticket Despite Tough Loss

The Yellowjackets may have fallen short on the scoreboard against the Mariners, but the real victory came in the standings as they secured the final Masters Division playoff spot. A back-and-forth battle saw the Yellowjackets claw back from a one-goal deficit in the third, thanks to Keith Wilson's timely tally, only to have the Mariners snatch the win with a late unassisted goal from Kyle Smythe. Despite the defeat, other results around the league locked the Yellowjackets into postseason play.

One of the highlights in the game and the season came from John Petricig, who continued his stellar campaign by scoring his 21st goal of the season in the second period. That tally not only tied the game at the time but also officially clinched the Masters Division scoring title for Petricig, capping off a brilliant offensive year. His ability to deliver in clutch moments has been a constant for the Yellowjackets and will be crucial as they head into the playoffs.

In net, while the Yellowjackets couldn't pull out the win, the story of the season between the pipes belonged to Mike Ciavattieri, who was awarded the "Vinny" Goaltending Title for the Masters Division. Chev's consistent and reliable play backstopped the Mariners all season long, and his solid performance in this finale sealed both the individual honor and the Mariners' momentum heading into the postseason.



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Game M-WEEK 14 Regular Season  6:52 PM Apr 13, 2025 <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a>	 <b>Monarchs</b> (6 - 7 - 1) MASTERS	0	1	2	<b>3</b>
	 <b>Threshers</b> (2 - 11 - 1) MASTERS	1	2	3	<b>6</b>

## Monarchs' Late Push Falls Short as Playoff Hopes Slip Away

The Monarchs entered their final matchup of the regular season knowing the door to the playoffs had been left slightly ajar by the Yellowjackets' earlier loss — but the Threshers slammed it shut. In a hard-fought contest, the Monarchs couldn't overcome the balanced attack from the Threshers, falling 6-3 in a game that saw the lead slip away in the third period. Despite a pair of late goals from Matt Drew and Ben Perrotta, the Monarchs couldn't erase the gap and officially bowed out of playoff contention.

Eric Johnson was the difference-maker for the Threshers, capping off his stellar season with a hat trick and earning his 9th, 10th, and 11th goals in the game. His third-period marker stood as the game-winner, and the empty-netter put an exclamation point on both the win and his impressive individual campaign. The Threshers' victory not only cemented their spot in the playoff bracket but also highlighted the gap the Monarchs couldn't close, even with the season on the line.

For the Monarchs, the loss was a bitter end to a stretch that saw moments of strong play — including standout seasons from Matt Drew, who wrapped up the year with 8 goals, and Dan McKinney, who finished with 7. Their efforts gave the Monarchs a fighting chance, but a tough night defensively and missed chances earlier in the season ultimately left them on the outside looking in as the postseason field was finalized.

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Game M-WEEK 14 Regular Season  7:40 PM Apr 13, 2025  <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a> >	 <b>Knights</b> (8 - 6 - 0) MASTERS	1	1	2	<b>4</b>
	 <b>Bulls</b> (8 - 6 - 0) MASTERS	3	1	2	<b>6</b>

## Bulls Secure Second Seed, Knights Await Playoff Rematch with Reinforcements

The Bulls capped off their regular season in convincing fashion, claiming a 6-4 win over the Knights and locking up the second seed heading into the playoffs. The victory sets the stage for a highly anticipated first-round rematch, but this time the Knights will return to full strength, with offensive standouts Perkins, Bannon, and Foley expected back in the lineup. The Bulls showcased their depth once again, with Bruce Sylvester netting two goals and Matt Fredrickson adding a goal and two assists to help power the win.

Despite the loss, the Knights were far from silent on the scoresheet. Ryan Reale posted another strong performance, adding two more goals to his season total and pushing his overall tally to eight — further solidifying his reputation as one of the league’s more consistent scoring threats. Dan Connolly chipped in as well, registering his fourth assist and second goal of the year, giving the Knights a spark that will only grow once their full roster is back in action.

Looking ahead, both clubs are bracing for a much tighter contest in the postseason. The Bulls' balanced attack and steady goaltending from Tom Andrade will clash against a Knights squad poised to reclaim their offensive identity with key veterans returning just in time. Given how competitive this final regular season meeting was, their next encounter promises to be one of the more intriguing matchups of the opening playoff round.





In the Classics Division on Sunday night, a sequence of events that were possible - but didn't seem probable - unfolded throughout the night's matchups. The Longhorns, who started the night in 6th place, ended the night in 4th place and secured the final playoff spot as the last game concluded. For that to happen, both the Mountainmen and the Bolts - who began the night ahead of the Longhorns - had to lose their respective games in regulation.

The Mountainmen squared off against the Reapers, a team they had beaten in their previous meeting this session. They fell behind early in this game, forcing them to play catch-up all night. After trailing 4-1 in the third period, a valiant comeback effort fell just short, and they lost 4-3.

The Bolts and Spartans dropped the puck in their game with the Bolts needing just a win or a tie to secure a long-sought playoff berth. Midway through the second period, the score was tied 1-1. However, the Spartans pulled away as the period progressed, scoring four unanswered goals to secure a 5-1 win. The Spartans seem to have the Bolts' number this season, having outscored them 11-3 in their two meetings.

These losses by both the Mountainmen and the Bolts opened the door for the Longhorns to sneak into the playoffs. Heading into the final game of the night, the Longhorns knew exactly what was at stake: a win against the Fury would clinch the 4th and final playoff spot.

It was a fun and dramatic night in the Classic Division, as all three games on the final night of the regular season had a direct impact on who would make the playoffs. Here's how it all happened:



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Game C-WEEK 14 Regular Season  6:40 PM Apr 13, 2025 <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a>	 <b>Hawks</b> (11 - 3 - 0) CLASSICS	0	0	2	1	<b>3</b>
	 <b>Astros</b> (8 - 6 - 0) CLASSICS	1	0	1	0	<b>2</b>

### Kaiser Locks Down Second Straight "Vinny" as Hawks Soar into Playoffs

Barry Kaiser capped off another stellar season between the pipes, backstopping the Hawks to a 3-2 overtime win against the Astros and securing back-to-back "Vinny" goaltending titles. The veteran netminder once again proved why he's the gold standard in the league, making crucial saves in the extra frame and keeping his team in the game until Tom Doucette buried the unassisted game-winner. The Hawks' late-season surge now has them heading into the playoffs with momentum and confidence as they gear up for a showdown with the Longhorns.

The Astros controlled stretches of the game early, with Des Walsh notching a goal and an assist, while John Thoms Jr. chipped in his sixth goal of the season to give them a brief two-goal cushion. But the Hawks never flinched, as Chuck Kilfoye answered back with a pair of clutch goals in the third period to erase the deficit and force overtime. The comeback capped a gritty performance from the Hawks, who refused to let the game slip away in a pivotal pre-playoff tune-up.

With the regular season wrapped, the Hawks are set to face a tough Longhorns squad in the first round, a matchup that promises plenty of physical play and tight defense. Having Kaiser locked in and the offense clicking at just the right time, the Hawks look poised for a deep postseason run. For now, Kaiser can celebrate his well-earned "Vinny" title, once again proving that when the stakes are highest, he's as steady as they come.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game C-WEEK 14 Regular Season  7:50 PM Apr 13, 2025 <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a>	 <b>Mountainmen</b> (7 - 7 - 0) CLASSICS	1	0	2	<b>3</b>
	 <b>Reapers</b> (5 - 9 - 0) CLASSICS	2	0	2	<b>4</b>



### Daniels Secures Back-to-Back Scoring Titles as Mountainmen Fall Short

Despite a late push, the Mountainmen couldn't overcome the Reapers in a 4-3 loss that officially sealed their fate outside the playoff picture. The loss was a heartbreaker for a Mountainmen squad that showed flashes of resilience all season, including another standout night from Chris O'Keefe, who added two more goals to

his tally. The Reapers, already eliminated themselves, played spoiler with a balanced attack and a strong outing from Ken Menkello in net.

While the season came to a close for both clubs, the night was highlighted by Jim Daniels claiming his second straight scoring title for the Classics Division. Daniels added another assist to his season total, bringing him to 14 on the year, and capped off a campaign where his steady production kept the Mountainmen in the playoff hunt until the final whistle. His chemistry with O'Keefe and Scully formed one of the most reliable offensive trios in the division, though in the end it wasn't enough to crack the top four.

With the playoff field now set, the Mountainmen are left to reflect on a season that featured plenty of offensive highlights but fell just shy of their ultimate goal. For Daniels, however, another scoring crown underscores his consistency and value as one of the league's premier playmakers. The offseason now begins for both squads, but expect Daniels to enter next year looking to make it three titles in a row.



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<b>Game C-WEEK 14</b> Regular Season  8:04 PM Apr 13, 2025 <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a> >	 <b>Bolts</b> (6 - 7 - 1) CLASSICS	0	1	0	1
	 <b>Spartans</b> (10 - 4 - 0) CLASSICS	1	2	2	5

### Spartans Close Regular Season Strong, Set Sights on Astros

The Spartans wrapped up their regular season with a convincing 5-1 victory over the Bolts, locking in their spot for the postseason and setting up a first-round matchup against the Astros. From the drop of the puck, the Spartans controlled the pace, opening the scoring with a smooth connection between Pete Cleary and Dave Currier in the first period. Goalie Matt Nelson held steady between the pipes, turning aside every chance the Bolts threw his way after the opening frame.

Mike Martin once again proved why he's one of the division's top offensive threats, netting two more goals — including the game-winner — and adding to his season total, which now sits at 14. The Spartans' depth showed up in full force as Bill Petrarca tallied twice in the third to seal the win, while Joe Craig and Jim Holmes each chipped in with helpers, rounding out a well-balanced effort.

As the playoffs begin, the Spartans will look to carry this momentum into their series with the Astros. With Martin in peak form and Nelson backstopping with confidence, the Spartans appear poised for a deep postseason push. The Bolts, meanwhile, will head into the offseason looking to regroup after a tough close to their year.

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<b>Game C-WEEK 14</b> Regular Season  8:50 PM Apr 13, 2025 <a href="#">VIEW BOX SCORE</a> >	 <b>Fury</b> (2 - 12 - 0) CLASSICS	0	0	1	1
	 <b>Longhorns</b> (6 - 7 - 1) CLASSICS	4	1	0	5

### Longhorns Gear Up for Playoffs After Strong Win

The Longhorns are heading into the playoffs on a high note after a dominant 5-1 win over the Fury. John Zimmer led the charge, notching two goals, including the game-winner, while Mike Crisp and Ed Mortell each contributed to the offensive outburst. With their offense firing on all cylinders, the Longhorns are primed for a challenging playoff matchup against the Hawks, their next opponents in the postseason.

The Longhorns' offensive depth was on full display, with Zimmer's performance at the forefront. Zimmer, who has been a key player all season, showed his consistency and finishing ability, and with Crisp and Mortell also playing pivotal roles, the Longhorns' scoring attack looks formidable. Brook Conley's goal in the second period further underscored the team's well-rounded offensive game, providing a cushion for their defense and goaltender Doc Smith, who delivered a steady performance in net.

Looking ahead to their playoff clash with the Hawks, the Longhorns will need to carry this momentum into the postseason. With strong contributions across the lineup, including from players like Zimmer and Crisp, the Longhorns are ready to challenge the Hawks for a spot in the next round. Meanwhile, the Fury will look to regroup after this tough loss, using it as motivation for a stronger showing next season.

