



WEEK 8: Fall 2025

RECAP

A Note of Gratitude from the SSCHL Board

As we hit the midpoint of the Fall 2025 season, the SSCHL Board would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to every player who makes Sunday night hockey so special. This season has been packed with great competition, camaraderie, and plenty of laughs — the kind of moments that remind us why we lace them up week after week. Seeing everyone come together at the recent Player Appreciation Night was a true highlight, a celebration of the spirit that keeps this league alive and thriving. The SSCHL doesn't exist without its players, and we're genuinely grateful for each and every one of you. A big thank you as well to the Lovell staff for keeping the glasses full and the food flowing all night — the perfect touch to an unforgettable evening.





		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 73 Regular Season 6:10 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	Knights (1 - 6 - 1) MASTERS	0	0	0	0
	Mariners (1 - 6 - 1) MASTERS	2	0	1	3

Mariners Blank Knights in Strong Team Effort

The Mariners put together a complete performance Sunday night, shutting out the Knights 3–0 in a game that showcased disciplined defense, timely scoring, and sharp goaltending. Rick Esancy was flawless between the pipes, turning aside all 14 shots he faced to earn the shutout. The Mariners struck early in the first, setting the tone with two quick goals that gave them control of the game from the start.

On the power play, Kyle Smythe opened the scoring midway through the first period, finishing a setup from Peter Krukiel for what proved to be the game-winner. Less than a minute later, Shayne Fryia doubled the lead with an unassisted effort that caught the Knights' defense off guard. From there, the Mariners tightened up defensively, limiting chances and maintaining steady puck possession through the second frame.

In the third, Mike Fay added the insurance marker off another assist from Krukiel, sealing the win and completing a well-rounded performance. The Knights showed flashes of offense in the final period but couldn't find a way past Esancy. With the victory, the Mariners continue to build momentum, relying on solid teamwork, balanced scoring, and reliable goaltending as the season heats up.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 76 Regular Season 7:20 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Monarchs (5 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	3	3	2	8
	 Bulls (7 - 1 - 0) MASTERS	0	0	1	1

Monarchs Hand Bulls Their First Loss in Dominant Fashion

The Monarchs delivered a statement win Sunday night, stunning the previously undefeated Bulls with an 8–1 victory. From the opening puck drop, the Monarchs controlled the pace, outshooting and outworking their opponent in all three zones. Jeff Delnickas stood tall in goal for the Monarchs, turning aside 21 shots in a composed performance that allowed his team to dictate the game offensively.

Kirk Douglas set the tone early with two first-period goals, including the eventual game-winner just over eight minutes in. The Monarchs kept their foot on the gas, adding a third before the intermission and never looking back. The second period was more of the same, as Mike Kelly and Dan McKinney added to the tally — Kelly's pair of goals showcasing his scoring touch and McKinney capitalizing on the power play. By the end of the frame, the Monarchs had built a commanding 6–0 lead.

The Bulls finally broke through in the third when Ben Quelle found the net off a feed from Adam Bellantoni, but the Monarchs quickly snuffed out any hope of a comeback. Rian Kearney and Kelly added two more goals to round out the night, sealing a complete team win. With this performance, the Monarchs not only ended the Bulls' unbeaten streak but also sent a clear message that they're a team to watch in the Masters Division.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 75 Regular Season 7:43 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Yellowjackets (5 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	0	1	1	2
	 Threshers (2 - 6 - 0) MASTERS	5	1	4	10



Threshers Light the Lamp Ten Times in Dominant Win Over Yellowjackets

The Threshers put on an offensive clinic Sunday night, exploding for double digits in a 10–2 rout of the Yellowjackets. From the opening drop, the Threshers dictated every shift, piling on five first-period goals and never looking back. Goalie Joe Burke did his part between the pipes, holding strong while his offense went

to work. The win was a full team effort, with nine different Threshers recording points in the high-powered performance.

The first period was all Threshers, with Kevin Cinquegrano, Michael Thamert, and John Russell all finding the back of the net in a relentless scoring spree. Mike Alexanian and Kane Haffey added tallies of their own before the horn, capping off a five-goal frame that left the Yellowjackets stunned. The second period slowed slightly, but Eric Johnson's unassisted strike extended the lead, showing that the Threshers weren't content to sit back.

The Yellowjackets managed to get on the board in the second and third thanks to Trey McMillen's pair of goals, but the Threshers responded with four more in the final period to seal the deal. Chris Bernard and Kenny Jacobson each chipped in multi-point efforts, while Thamert capped his night with a second goal. With this convincing victory, the Threshers reminded the league that when they're firing on all cylinders, few teams can keep up with their offensive firepower.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 79 Regular Season 8:30 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Vipers (5 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	1	2	3	6
	 Kodiaks (5 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	0	1	1	2

Vipers Strike Fast and Often in Expansion Showdown Against Kodiaks

In the highly anticipated clash between this season's two new squads, the Vipers came out firing and never let up, skating to a 6–2 victory over the Kodiaks. The matchup was billed as a test of pride and potential for both expansion teams, but the Vipers' speed, puck control, and balanced scoring proved too much for the Kodiaks to contain. Goalie Brian Prendeville was sharp in net, turning away 16 shots to backstop the win.

The first period set the tone as Ross Reale buried his first of the season, giving the Vipers an early lead they would never relinquish. In the second, the Kodiaks managed to even the score briefly through Tom Persson and Robert Mooney, but the Vipers answered quickly. Johnny Camara and PJ Senatore tallied key goals, with Senatore's strike standing as the eventual game-winner. The Vipers' relentless forecheck and crisp passing began to wear down the Kodiaks' defense as the game went on.

The third period saw the Vipers pull away for good, adding three more goals to seal the win. Albert Clark, Senatore, and Brendan Bohld each lit the lamp, while the Kodiaks' Mooney added a late consolation marker. It was a confident and cohesive showing for the Vipers, who proved they're already finding chemistry early in their inaugural campaign. For the Kodiaks, the flashes of offense were there—but they'll need to tighten up defensively if they hope to hang with their fellow newcomers next time around.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 74 Regular Season 7:07 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	Bolts (2 - 6 - 0) CLASSICS	1	1	0	2
	Spartans (6 - 2 - 0) CLASSICS	1	2	1	4

Spartans Power Past Bolts in High-Tempo Showdown

In a fast-paced, hard-fought Classic Division matchup, the Spartans skated to a 4–2 win over the Bolts, showcasing their balanced attack and strong team play. Both teams traded early blows, but it was the Spartans’ depth and composure that carried them through the middle and late stages. Goaltender Matt Nelson stood tall between the pipes, stopping 28 of 30 shots to help secure the victory.

The opening period featured plenty of action, with the Bolts striking first as Dave Richardson buried one off a setup from Mark Vitello. The Spartans responded quickly, however, when Pete Cleary evened things up just over a minute later. The second frame was where momentum shifted—the Bolts briefly regained the lead through a pretty passing play between the Vitello trio, but the Spartans roared back. Mike Martin tied the game before Matt Thieme netted the go-ahead and eventual game-winner, capping off a strong offensive push.

The Spartans sealed the deal in the third as Martin added his second of the night, assisted by Paul Brinkmann. Despite the Bolts’ heavy shot total, Nelson and the Spartans’ defense kept them in check when it mattered most. With the win, the Spartans continue to build momentum, showing that disciplined play and timely scoring can turn any close contest into a statement victory.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 77 Regular Season 8:14 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	Fury (6 - 2 - 0) CLASSICS	6	2	2	10
	Mountainmen (2 - 6 - 0) CLASSICS	1	2	2	5



Fury Overpower Mountainmen in High-Scoring Shootout

The Fury continued their dominant run on Sunday night, lighting the lamp ten times in a wild 10–5 win over the Mountainmen. The game was a showcase of relentless offense, quick puck movement, and precision finishing — with the Fury setting the tone early and never looking back. Goaltender Brandon Cardoza held steady behind the explosive forward group, while the Mountainmen battled hard to keep pace in a contest that was anything but dull.

The first period was a fireworks display, with the Fury burying six goals in just over eight minutes. Joe McCafferty and Shawn Malloy were in sync all night, combining for multiple tallies and assists, while Tom Hickie and Neil Landry each added first-period goals of their own. The Mountainmen found some life midway

through when Pat Scully broke through, but by the time the horn sounded, the Fury had already built a commanding 6–1 lead.

To their credit, the Mountainmen showed fight, chipping away with goals from Scully, Jim Daniels, and Martin Keogh in the later frames. However, every time they inched closer, the Fury answered back — including another pair from McCafferty, who capped his night with four goals. With crisp passing, unselfish play, and a deep scoring lineup, the Fury proved once again they’re a force to be reckoned with in the SSCHL this season.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	
Game 78 Regular Season 8:50 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Hawks (1 - 7 - 0) CLASSICS	2	0	1	0	3
	 Astros (5 - 3 - 0) CLASSICS	0	0	3	1	4

Astros Storm Back to Stun Hawks in Overtime Thriller

In one of the most dramatic games of the season, the Astros completed a stunning comeback to defeat the Hawks 4–3 in overtime. Down by two early, the Astros rallied with a furious third-period surge and sealed the win with a short-handed goal in the extra frame. Both teams battled hard in a fast-paced matchup that saw strong goaltending from Andrew Pelley and Glen Falvey, but it was the Astros’ resilience that ultimately stole the show.

The Hawks came out flying, striking twice in the opening frame behind goals from Kevin Gee and Chris Cadose. Their crisp puck movement and forechecking pressure kept the Astros pinned down through much of the first half, with Sean Soares and Frank Davis contributing on the scoresheet. Despite the Hawks’ early control, Pelley made several key stops to keep his team within reach heading into the final period.

The momentum shifted dramatically in the third, as the Astros’ offense ignited with three straight goals from Andrew Mellen, John Ruzzano, and Steve Perkins. Though Soares netted a late equalizer to force overtime, the Astros struck once more when John Keyes buried a short-handed game-winner just over a minute into the extra session. It was a statement victory for the Astros — proving that no deficit is too large when they find their rhythm.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 80 Regular Season 9:18 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Longhorns (6 - 2 - 0) CLASSICS	0	2	2	4
	 Reapers (4 - 4 - 0) CLASSICS	2	5	2	9

Reapers Roll Past Longhorns in High-Scoring Showdown

The Reapers kept their strong season rolling with a commanding 9–4 win over the Longhorns in a game packed with offense from both sides. A quick two-goal burst in the opening minutes set the tone, and the Reapers never looked back, maintaining control through all three periods. Howie Bumpus stood tall between

the pipes while his teammates poured on the goals, delivering one of the team's most complete performances of the season.

The Reapers' attack came in waves, led by a balanced effort across the roster. Scott Kelly and Ronnie May were standouts — combining for multiple points each — while veterans Tom Smith and Pat Ryan consistently drove the offense. By the end of the second period, the Reapers had built a 7–2 cushion, with Dan Sloan's second-period tally standing as the game-winner. The Longhorns fought to stay in it with goals from John Sances, Michael Eddy, and Paul Lafond, but every surge was met by a quick Reapers response.

In the final frame, the Longhorns showed grit, adding two more goals as Sances continued his hot streak, but the Reapers' depth was simply too much. May capped off his big night with a pair of third-period points to put the game out of reach. With the win, the Reapers reinforced their reputation as one of the league's toughest teams to contain — firing on all cylinders and proving that when their offense clicks, few can keep pace.





		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 71 Regular Season 5:00 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE	Presidents (1 - 7 - 0) FEDERALS	0	2	1	3
	Chiefs (4 - 4 - 0) FEDERALS	2	1	1	4

Chiefs Hold Off Late Surge to Defeat Presidents 4–3

The Chiefs continued their strong play with a tight 4–3 victory over the Presidents in a well-contested matchup that saw both teams trade momentum throughout. The Chiefs came out strong, netting two first-period goals from Jeff Simpson and Jack Burke to take early control of the game. Goalie Jeff Nawrocki anchored the defensive end, turning away 12 shots while keeping the Chiefs steady through late-game pressure.

The Presidents found their rhythm in the second period, capitalizing on key opportunities to claw back into the game. Sean Fitzgerald and Frank Brinkmann both found the back of the net, trimming the deficit to one after Art Riccio's early goal for the Chiefs. Riccio's first strike of the night, unassisted, stood as a key turning point — setting up a tense finish between two evenly matched squads.

In the third, Riccio once again came through when it mattered most, scoring the game-winner less than a minute in with help from Bill Smolinsky. The Presidents refused to back down, responding with a late goal from Steve Concannon, but the Chiefs' defense held firm to secure the win. With the victory, the Chiefs improved their standing in the division, showing poise under pressure and timely scoring that continues to define their season.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 72 Regular Season 6:29 PM Oct 26, 2025 VIEW BOX SCORE >	 Patriots (8 - 0 - 0) FEDERALS	1	1	1	3
	 Bulldogs (3 - 5 - 0) FEDERALS	1	0	0	1

Patriots Outlast Bulldogs in Tight 3–1 Victory

The Patriots captured a hard-fought 3–1 win over the Bulldogs in a game defined by strong goaltending and timely scoring. The first period saw both teams trade goals, with Steve Lemish and Myles O’Malley giving the Bulldogs an early lead before Paul Cavan, John Brezniak, and Steve Calabro tied it for the Patriots. Goaltender Mark Frano kept the Patriots competitive, turning away 16 shots over the course of the game.

In the second period, John Hickey delivered the game’s momentum-shifting goal unassisted, giving the Patriots their first lead. The Bulldogs pressed back but could not capitalize on their scoring chances, allowing the Patriots to control the tempo and dictate play. Frano’s steady presence in net proved key in maintaining the lead as the Patriots weathered periods of pressure.

Hickey added an insurance goal in the third period, assisted by Cavan and Brezniak, securing the 3–1 win for the Patriots. A minor roughing penalty on Mike Fay late in the period was the only blemish on an otherwise disciplined effort by the Patriots. The victory highlights their ability to perform under pressure and maintain composure in close contests.

