



Winter 2026: PLAYOFFS

RECAP



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 144 Exhibition 5:08 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Threshers (4 - 10 - 0) MASTERS	0	2	0	2
	Vipers (8 - 6 - 0) MASTERS	2	0	2	4

Vipers Regain Control Late to Defeat Threshers 4–2

The Vipers jumped out to a fast start and never fully relinquished control, defeating the Threshers 4–2. First-period goals from Mike Kemezis and Mike McCarthy gave the Vipers an early 2–0 advantage, capitalizing on strong offensive pressure and efficient finishing. The Threshers were outshot early and struggled to keep pace with the Vipers' quick attack.

The Threshers responded in the second period with a strong push, tying the game behind goals from Pat Mulhern and Eric Johnson. Their offense came alive as they generated more chances and put the Vipers on their heels, evening the score and shifting momentum heading into the final frame.

In the third period, the Vipers answered when PJ Senatore netted the game-winning goal, restoring the lead. Mike Wright added an insurance goal late to seal the victory. Brian Prendeville earned the win in net, while Will Lundberg took the loss despite a solid effort. The Vipers' ability to respond after the Threshers' surge proved to be the difference.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 145 Playoff 6:17 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Kodiaks (7 - 7 - 0) MASTERS	1	0	2	3
	Mariners (11 - 3 - 0) MASTERS	2	1	2	5



Mariners Move On to Finals with 5–3 Win Over Kodiaks

The Mariners punched their ticket to the finals with a 5–3 victory over the Kodiaks, fueled by a strong start and timely scoring. Trevor Malmgren and Chris Robichaud led the way early, each factoring into both first-period goals as the Mariners jumped out to a 2–0 lead. The Kodiaks responded with a goal from Brandon Blake to cut the deficit, but the Mariners maintained control through the opening frame.

In the second period, Malmgren struck again with an unassisted goal to extend the lead to 3–1. The Kodiaks continued to battle and found life in the third period when Josh Mavilia brought them within one. However, the Mariners answered

quickly, as Rob McDonnell scored the game-winning goal midway through the third, restoring a two-goal cushion and shifting momentum back in their favor.

Collin Brennan added an insurance marker late, helping seal the win despite a last-second goal from Blake for the Kodiaks. Mike Ciavattieri earned the victory in net, while Jake Smolinsky took the loss. With balanced scoring and composure in key moments, the Mariners now advance to the finals with confidence and momentum.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 146 Playoff 7:28 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Monarchs (9 - 5 - 0) MASTERS	1	1	1	3
	 Yellowjackets (9 - 5 - 0) MASTERS	0	1	1	2

Monarchs Edge Yellowjackets, Punch Ticket to Finals

The Monarchs secured their place in the finals with a hard-fought 3–2 victory over the Yellowjackets. They set the tone early in the first period when Steve White opened the scoring, giving the Monarchs an early advantage. Strong defensive play and steady goaltending from Jeff Delnickas helped them carry that lead into the second period despite limited chances from the Yellowjackets.

The game tightened in the middle frame as Bill McIver tied things up for the Yellowjackets, but the Monarchs quickly responded. Rian Kearney restored the lead later in the period, keeping momentum on the Monarchs' side heading into the final stretch. Both teams traded chances, but neither was able to fully take control as the tension built.

In the third period, Trey McMillen brought the Yellowjackets level once again, setting up a dramatic finish. The decisive moment came on a power play when Will Hess buried the game-winning goal, capitalizing on a late penalty. Delnickas held firm in net to close it out, while John Belanger took the loss. With the win, the Monarchs advance to the finals, ending the Yellowjackets' run.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 147 Exhibition 8:00 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Bulls (3 - 11 - 0) MASTERS	1	0	0	1
	 Knights (5 - 9 - 0) MASTERS	1	0	2	3

Knights Strike Late to Defeat Bulls 3–1

The Knights pulled away in the third period to earn a 3–1 victory over the Bulls in a tightly contested game. The Bulls opened the scoring early in the first period on a goal from Alex Mesheau, but the Knights answered quickly as Adam Solari found the back of the net to even things up. Both teams generated chances in the opening frame, but strong goaltending kept the game level heading into the second.

A scoreless second period saw both defenses tighten, with neither side able to capitalize despite opportunities. The Bulls held a slight edge in shots through two periods, but Bobby Siders stood firm in net for the Knights, matching Tom Andrade save for save and keeping the game deadlocked.

The breakthrough came in the third period when Matt Fredrickson scored the game-winning goal midway through the frame. Shortly after, John Hagan added an insurance goal to seal the win. Siders earned the victory with a steady performance, while Andrade took the loss. The Knights' timely scoring in the final period proved to be the difference in a disciplined, defensive battle.



The Spartans punched their ticket to the Championship game, overcoming a blown four-goal lead against the Mountainmen and delivering a dramatic game-winner with less than a minute remaining in regulation. Penalties proved costly for the Mountainmen, who surrendered two power-play goals in this hard-fought semifinal matchup.

The Astros, who secured a top-four spot in the final week of the regular season, came out determined and focused, knocking off the defending champion Longhorns by a 5–2 score. After giving up a goal on the opening shift, the Astros quickly settled in, tightened up defensively, and controlled the pace of play to send the defending champions home. This marks the Astros’ second appearance in the SSCHL Championship game.

In the Second Chance playoffs, the Hawks scored an overtime winner to defeat the Reapers and advance to the Classic Division’s first-ever Second Chance Championship game. The Fury, the division’s hottest team down the stretch, carried that momentum forward with a convincing 6–1 win over the short-benched Bolts, fueled by a dominant third-period performance.

Good luck to all teams this week as they battle for the Championship trophies.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 148 Exhibition 5:18 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Bolts (5 - 10 - 0) CLASSICS	0	1	0	1
	Fury (7 - 8 - 0) CLASSICS	1	1	4	6

Fury Explode in Third Period to Rout Bolts 6–1

The Fury pulled away with a dominant 6–1 win over the Bolts, using a massive third-period surge to break the game open. Jay DiCarlo got the Fury on the board late in the first period, setting the tone early. The Bolts responded in the second with a goal from Dan Gniadek to tie the game, but Eric Morgan answered just seconds later with what proved to be the game-winning goal, giving the Fury a 2–1 edge heading into the final frame.

The third period was all Fury, as they overwhelmed the Bolts with relentless offense. Morgan struck twice more to complete a hat trick, while Nate Powell added a power-play goal and Shawn Malloy chipped in with another. The Fury’s depth and puck movement were on full display as they scored four times in a span of just a few minutes, turning a tight contest into a blowout.

Brandon Cardoza earned the win in net with a steady performance, while Rick Welch took the loss after facing increased pressure late. Despite a relatively even shot total, the Fury capitalized on their chances and dominated when it mattered most, sealing an emphatic victory.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 149 Playoff 6:35 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Mountainmen (7 - 6 - 1) CLASSICS	0	0	4	4
	Spartans (9 - 6 - 0) CLASSICS	2	2	1	5

Cleary's Late Heroics Send Spartans to Finals in 5-4 Thriller

The Spartans are headed to the finals thanks to a dramatic 5-4 victory over the Mountainmen, capped by a clutch game-winning goal from Pete Cleary in the final minute. The Spartans came out strong, with Mike Martin scoring twice in the first period to give his team an early 2-0 lead. They carried that momentum into the second period, where power-play goals from Cleary and Rich Boyle extended the lead to 4-0, putting the Mountainmen in a deep hole.

But the third period saw an incredible comeback effort from the Mountainmen. Four unanswered goals from Bob Hewer, Bobby Wright, Jay Daniels, and Andrew Kuhn erased the deficit and stunned the Spartans, tying the game at 4-4. The sudden shift in momentum put the Spartans on their heels and set up a tense finish as the Mountainmen pushed for the go-ahead goal.

With time winding down, Cleary delivered the decisive moment, scoring his second of the game with just 54 seconds remaining to restore the Spartans' lead. Matt Nelson held firm in net the rest of the way to secure the win, while Ron Hughes took the loss. After nearly letting a four-goal lead slip away, the Spartans responded at the perfect time, punching their ticket to the finals in dramatic fashion.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	
Game 143 Exhibition 6:50 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Hawks (4 - 9 - 1) CLASSICS	1	2	0	1	4
	 Reapers (7 - 8 - 0) CLASSICS	0	2	1	0	3

Cadose Plays Hero as Hawks Edge Reapers in Overtime Thriller

The Hawks battled their way to a dramatic 4-3 overtime victory over the Reapers, sealing the win on a clutch goal from Chris Cadose. The Hawks struck first in the opening period, as Peter Fallon found the back of the net to give them an early lead. They built on that momentum in the second period with goals from Cadose and Kevin Gee, jumping out to a 3-0 advantage and appearing firmly in control.

The Reapers refused to go quietly, mounting a strong comeback in the second and third periods. Goals from Tim Ryan and Scott Churchill cut into the deficit, and a power-play goal from Arthur Stadnik in the third period tied the game at 3-3. The Reapers outshot the Hawks and carried much of the play during the comeback, putting significant pressure on Hawks goaltender Barry Kaiser.

In overtime, Cadose delivered the decisive moment, scoring his second goal of the game to secure the victory. Kaiser stood tall late to preserve the win, while Howie Bumpus took the loss despite a solid effort. The Hawks' ability to build an early lead and then respond in overtime proved to be the difference in a tightly contested matchup.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 150 Playoff 7:46 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	 Astros (8 - 7 - 0) CLASSICS	0	3	2	5
	 Longhorns (11 - 4 - 0) CLASSICS	1	0	1	2

Astros Surge Past Longhorns to Reach Finals

The Astros are heading to the finals after a strong 5-2 win over the Longhorns, powered by a dominant second period. The Longhorns struck early (on the first shift of the game), with John Zimmer giving them a 1-0 lead. Despite even play and matching shot totals early, the Astros stayed composed and prepared to respond in the middle period.

That response came quickly and decisively. The Astros exploded for three goals in the second period, including strikes from Matt Brennan, Mike Coughlin, and Alex Estes. Estes' goal proved to be the game-winner, capping a rapid scoring stretch that completely flipped the momentum. Barry Lines played a key role in the surge, contributing multiple assists as the Astros took control.

In the third period, the teams traded goals early, but the Astros pulled away with two more from Coughlin, who finished with a hat trick. Andrew Pelley secured the win in net, while Joe Burke took the loss. With balanced scoring and a game-changing second period, the Astros punched their ticket to the finals in convincing fashion.



		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 141 Playoff 4:30 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Patriots (4 - 11 - 0) FEDERALS	0	1	1	2
	Chiefs (12 - 2 - 0) FEDERALS	0	2	1	3

Chiefs Punch Ticket to Kelly Cup Finals with 3–2 Win

The Chiefs are headed to the Kelly Cup Finals after grinding out a 3–2 victory over the Patriots in a tightly contested matchup. A scoreless first period gave way to a strong push from the Chiefs in the second, as Daron Jacobs opened the scoring before Bill Smolinsky added another to build a 2–0 lead. The Patriots answered late in the frame with a goal from Mark Hallal, cutting the deficit to one and setting up a tense third period.

In the final frame, Tim Cruz delivered the decisive moment, scoring the game-winning goal early to restore a two-goal cushion for the Chiefs. The Patriots responded quickly with Hallal's second of the game but were unable to find the equalizer despite increased pressure late. Both teams tightened defensively down the stretch, with limited opportunities as the clock wound down.

Jeff Nawrocki stood strong in net for the Chiefs, earning the win with a steady performance, while David Nadell took the loss for the Patriots. With balanced scoring and timely execution, the Chiefs secured their spot in the championship game, where they will compete for the Kelly Cup.

		1ST	2ND	3RD	
Game 142 Playoff 5:40 PM Apr 26, 2026 VIEW BOX SCORE	Presidents (7 - 7 - 0) FEDERALS	1	2	2	5
	Bulldogs (6 - 9 - 0) FEDERALS	0	1	1	2

Presidents Roll Past Bulldogs, Set Up Kelly Cup Clash with Chiefs

The Presidents secured their spot in the Kelly Cup Finals with an impressive 5–2 win over the Bulldogs, setting up a championship showdown with the Chiefs. Adam Young opened the scoring early in the first period, giving the Presidents momentum they would not relinquish. They carried that energy into the second period, where Teddy Bohld struck twice, including the game-winning goal, to extend the lead and put the Bulldogs on their heels.

The Bulldogs showed some life late in the second period with a goal from Brian Hopkins, but the Presidents quickly regained control. Strong puck movement and consistent pressure kept the Bulldogs from mounting a full comeback,

while the Presidents continued to capitalize on their opportunities. Chad Conti was solid in net, turning aside key chances to maintain the advantage.

In the third period, the Presidents sealed the victory with a shorthanded goal from Mike Sullivan and an empty-netter from Young, his second of the game. The Bulldogs added one more, but it wasn't enough to close the gap. With a complete team effort, the Presidents now turn their focus to the finals, where they will battle the Chiefs for the Kelly Cup.

