



WEEK 1 GAME RECAPS

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KNIGHTS

5-4 OT

FINAL



MONARCHS

Knights Rally Past Monarchs in Overtime Thriller

The Knights opened their Masters Division season with a dramatic 5-4 overtime victory over the Monarchs. The Knights jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening period, with Adam Solari scoring twice and John Hagan adding a goal to give the home team early control. The Monarchs answered in the second when Dan McKinney got them on the board, cutting the deficit to two heading into the final period.

The third period belonged to the Monarchs, who erupted for three goals in just over 14 minutes to completely flip the game. Rian Kearney scored twice, while Ryan Boudreau and Matt Drew also found the net as the Monarchs turned a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 lead. The Knights refused to go quietly, however, as Dan Connolly tied the game with just 1:47 remaining to force overtime.

In overtime, Hagan became the hero, scoring his second of the night just 2:09 into the extra period to give the Knights the 5-4 win. The Monarchs actually held a 20-17 edge in shots, but the Knights made their opportunities count when it mattered most. Hagan finished with two goals, while Solari added two goals and an assist in an entertaining season opener.



MARINERS

8-5

FINAL



YELLOWJACKETS

Mariners Overcome Early Deficit to Sink Yellowjackets

The Mariners rallied from an early three-goal deficit to defeat the Yellowjackets 8-5 in a back-and-forth Masters Division opener. The Yellowjackets came out strong, getting two first-period goals from Chris Boussy and another from Rob Malone to take a 3-1 lead after the opening period. Trevor Malmgren scored the lone Mariners goal in the first.

Bill McIver extended the Yellowjackets' lead to 4-1 just over a minute into the second, but the Mariners quickly turned the game around. Malmgren scored twice in the period to complete his hat trick, while Paul McDonald added another as the Mariners scored three unanswered goals to tie the game at 4-4. Boussy answered late in the period, completing his own hat trick and sending the Yellowjackets into the third with a 5-4 lead.

The third period belonged to the Mariners. McDonald scored his second of the night just 1:18 into the period to tie the game, and Kyle Smythe followed with the eventual game-winner at 8:35. Malmgren added his fourth goal of the night with 3:55 remaining before Collin Brennan capped the comeback with 52 seconds left.

Malmgren led the Mariners with four goals, while McDonald scored twice and Shayne Fryia recorded three assists. Boussy finished with a hat trick for the Yellowjackets. After falling behind 4-1 early in the second period, the Mariners outscored the Yellowjackets 7-1 the rest of the way to secure the 8-5 comeback victory.



BULLS

5-1

FINAL



KODIAKS

Bulls Dominate Kodiaks in Masters Opener

The Bulls opened their Masters Division campaign in convincing fashion, cruising to a 5-1 victory over the Kodiaks. The Bulls established control early, scoring twice in the opening period while holding the Kodiaks to just three shots. Jon Hart opened the scoring before Jake Dellavalle added the eventual game-winner with Jason O'Connell providing the assist.

The Bulls continued to control the pace in the second period, with O'Connell scoring his first of the night to extend the lead to 3-0. Despite the deficit, the Kodiaks continued to battle and eventually broke through late in the third when Brandon Blake cut the lead to 3-1. The Kodiaks were limited to only eight shots throughout the game, however, as Bulls goaltender Rick Esancy Jr. turned aside nearly everything that came his way.

The Bulls put the game away with two more goals in the final eight minutes. Andy Cancellieri scored to make it 4-1 before Hart added his second of the night with just 2:27 remaining. The Bulls finished with an 18-8 advantage in shots and received goals from five different players in a balanced offensive effort.

 THRESHERS	4-3 FINAL	 VIPERS
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Threshers Hold Off Vipers in Tight Masters Battle

The Threshers opened the season with a hard-fought 4-3 victory over the Vipers in a game that was close from start to finish. The Threshers took a 2-1 lead in the opening period, with Michael Thamert and Kevin Cinquegrano finding the net around a Vipers goal from Mike McCarthy. The Threshers also opened the scoring on the power play.

The teams traded goals in the second period. Robbie Cameron tied the game for the Vipers early in the frame, but Kane Haffey answered for the Threshers with just over three minutes remaining. Haffey's second goal of the night restored the Threshers' one-goal advantage heading into the final period.

The Vipers again battled back when McCarthy scored his second of the night to tie the game at three. The deadlock lasted until 11:35 of the third, when Travis Dupuis scored the game-winner for the Threshers, with Chris Jennings and Cinquegrano assisting. The Threshers held a narrow 14-13 edge in shots, with Ricky Esancy earning the win in net.



 MOUNTAINMEN	5-2 FINAL	 FURY
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Mountainmen Storm Out Early, Hold Off Fury

The Mountainmen jumped on the Fury early and never relinquished control, earning a 5-2 victory in the Classics Division opener. The Mountainmen scored four times in the first period, getting goals from Stephen Eddy, Bobby Wright and Bill Barter, who scored twice. Jim Daniels assisted on three of the opening-period goals as the Mountainmen built a commanding lead.

The Fury finally broke through early in the second when Shawn Malloy scored, assisted by Keith Mello. The Fury then carried much of the play territorially, ultimately outshooting the Mountainmen 26-22 for the game. Despite that pressure, Mountainmen goaltender Ron Hughes continued to keep the Fury at bay as his team carried a 4-1 advantage into the third.

The Fury made it interesting when Mello scored a power-play goal just 1:13 into the third, but the Mountainmen answered with five seconds remaining when Chris McEntee scored into an empty net. Barter finished with two goals and two assists, while Daniels contributed three assists in a strong offensive performance for the Mountainmen.

 BOLTS	6-1 FINAL	 REAPERS
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Bolts Strike Early, Cruise Past Reapers

The Bolts made a statement in their season opener, defeating the Reapers 6-1 while controlling virtually every aspect of the game. The Bolts jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period, with Jamie Jernegan, Brian Foley and Chad Gillpatrick finding the net. Jernegan's goal at 3:42 proved to be the game-winner.

The offensive pressure continued in the second period as Jernegan scored his second of the night before Dave Richardson added another to make it 5-0. The Bolts peppered Howie Bumpus with 23 shots through the first two periods while allowing the Reapers only 12. George Thibeault also contributed to the offensive attack.

The Reapers finally broke through in the third when Ronnie May scored with just over eight minutes remaining, but the Bolts quickly answered with Richardson's second goal to restore the five-goal cushion. The Bolts finished with a commanding 30-17 advantage in shots and received goals from six different players in a balanced offensive attack.

 ASTROS	9-2 FINAL	 SPARTANS
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Astros Roll Past Spartans in Nine-Goal Rout

The Astros wasted little time establishing themselves in the Classics Division, racing past the Spartans 9-2 in their season opener. The Spartans actually opened the scoring when Glenn Harnish found the net, but the Astros responded with three goals in the final nine minutes of the period to take a 3-2 lead into the first intermission.

From there, the game belonged entirely to the Astros. Joe Schmidt scored his second of the night just 30 seconds before the end of the second period, while Alex Estes and Barry Lines also found the net. Schmidt completed his hat trick with nine seconds remaining in the period, turning what had been a competitive opening frame into a comfortable 6-2 Astros advantage.

The Astros continued pouring it on in the third, adding three more goals to finish with nine. Mike Coughlin had a standout offensive night with three points, while Schmidt finished with three goals and Jeff Walsh contributed three assists. The Astros outshot the Spartans 32-17 and held the Spartans without a goal over the final 24 minutes.

 LONGHORNS	4-1 FINAL	 HAWKS
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Longhorns Ride Strong Start Past Hawks

The Longhorns opened their Classics Division season with a 4-1 victory over the Hawks, building an early lead and never allowing their opponents to seriously threaten. Bob Sideropoulos opened the scoring early in the first period before Kevin Gee answered for the Hawks to make it 1-1. The tie lasted only a couple of minutes before John Zimmer restored the Longhorns' lead.

Sideropoulos and Zimmer continued to drive the Longhorns' offense. The pair connected for another goal early in the second period, giving the Longhorns a 3-1 advantage. Longhorns goaltender Joe Burke did the rest, turning aside the Hawks' chances as the Longhorns steadily pulled away.

The Longhorns added an insurance goal from Sideropoulos early in the third, completing his hat trick and putting the game out of reach. Zimmer assisted on all three of Sideropoulos' goals, giving the two veterans a dominant offensive night. The Longhorns finished with a 26-14 edge in shots and controlled the game after the opening-period exchange.



 MANTAS	5-3 FINAL	 PRESIDENTS
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Mantas Survive Presidents in Fast-Paced Opener

The Mantas opened the Federals Division season with a 5-3 victory over the Presidents in a game that featured plenty of early offense. The Presidents jumped out to an early lead when Steve Concannon scored, but the Mantas quickly answered with three goals of their own. Tim Fallon, Myles Royle and Mike Szczesny all found the net as the Mantas built a 3-2 advantage.

The Mantas added two more goals in the second period to take control. Royle scored his second of the night to make it 4-2 before Anthony Bonome added another, with Szczesny picking up assists on both goals. The Presidents continued to generate chances, but Doc Smith kept the Mantas in front as the game moved into the third.

The Presidents got a late goal from Adam Young with just one second remaining, but the comeback bid came too late. The Mantas held on for the 5-3 win despite being outshot 14-11, with Royle scoring twice and Szczesny contributing a goal and four assists in an impressive offensive performance.

 PATRIOTS	3-2 OT FINAL	 BULLDOGS
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Patriots Win Overtime Thriller Over Bulldogs

The Patriots opened their Federals Division schedule with a dramatic 3-2 overtime victory over the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs struck first in the opening period when Jim McNeill scored, but the Patriots responded with a power-play goal from Rob Newcomb early in the second to even the score.

The teams traded goals in the third period to send the game to overtime. Jim Polito gave the Patriots their first lead of the night with 9:58 remaining, but the Bulldogs answered just over six minutes later when John Mazzeo tied the game. Neither team could find the winner in regulation despite the Patriots holding a 27-19 advantage in shots.

The deciding moment came 4:12 into overtime when Mark Hallal scored his second of the night to give the Patriots the 3-2 victory. Hallal's game-winner was set up by John Scagliarini and Chris Healy, giving the Patriots a dramatic opening-night win and a 1-0 start to the season.

 CHIEFS	2-1 FINAL	 DUCKS
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Chiefs Defense Shuts Down Ducks in 2-1 Victory

The Chiefs opened the Federals season with a disciplined 2-1 victory over the Ducks, dominating the shot clock while making their limited scoring opportunities count. The Chiefs fired 14 shots in the opening period and opened the scoring midway through the frame when Daron Jacobs scored. The Ducks answered with just three seconds remaining in the period, as Chuck Kilfoyle tied the game at one.

The second period featured another wave of Chiefs pressure. The Chiefs outshot the Ducks 11-3 in the frame and eventually regained the lead when Jacobs scored his second of the night at 8:41. Art Riccio picked up the assist on the eventual game-winning goal, giving the Chiefs a 2-1 lead heading into the final period.

The Ducks pushed for the equalizer in the third, but Chiefs goaltender Jeff Nawrocki and a strong defensive effort kept them off the scoreboard. The Chiefs finished with a staggering 34-11 advantage in shots and held the Ducks to only three shots in each of the final two periods. The 2-1 final score did not tell the whole story, as the Chiefs controlled possession and pressure for much of the night.