

FLINT FIREBIRDS GAME NOTES

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(22-7-2-2), 1ST WESTERN CONFERENCE, 48 PTS



Friday, December 19 • 7:00 p.m.
Meridian Centre • St. Catharines, Ontario
Broadcast: FloHockey, 103.1 FM



FIREBIRDS AT A GLANCE

Overall Record: 22-7-2-2
Home Record: 13-3-1-0
Road Record: 9-4-1-2

Current Streak: 3-0-1-1 (PTS)
September Record: 1-2-0-0
October Record: 7-2-1-0
November Record: 11-2-0-1
December Record: 3-1-1-1
January Record: 0-0-0-0
February Record: 0-0-0-0
March Record: 0-0-0-0

Sunday Record: 3-2-0-2
Monday Record: 0-0-0-0
Tuesday Record: 0-0-0-0
Wednesday Record: 5-0-0-0
Thursday Record: 1-1-0-0
Friday Record: 5-1-1-0
Saturday Record: 8-3-1-0

Firebirds Score First: 13-1-2-1
OPP Scores First: 9-6-0-1
Outshoot OPP: 9-1-0-2
Outshot by OPP: 11-5-2-0
Equal in Shots: 2-1-0-0
Lead after 1st: 14-1-1-1
Tied after 1st: 5-3-1-1
Trail after 1st: 3-4-0-0
Lead after 2nd: 15-0-1-1
Tied after 2nd: 7-1-1-1
Trail after 2nd: 0-6-0-0
OT/Shootout Record: 4-4
Overtime Record: 2-2
Shootout Record: 2-2
1-Goal Games: 10-1-2-2
2-Goal Games: 1-1-0-0
3-Plus-Goal Games: 11-5-0-0

In Blue Jerseys: 8-3-1-1
In White Jerseys: 10-3-0-0
In Orange Jerseys: 2-1-0-1
In Specialty Jerseys: 1-0-1-0

TALE OF THE TAPE

	RANK			
(4)	3.79	GPG	3.14	(14)
(5)	2.85	GAPG	3.66	(12)
(10)	20.8%	PP%	15.8%	(19)
(3)	84.3%	PK%	80.0%	(7)

LAST TIME OUT: The Sarnia Sting topped Flint in overtime, 3-2, on Saturday night at the Dort Financial Center. **Alex Kostov** extended his point streak to 16 games with an assist as the Firebirds' eight-game home win streak came to an end.

HITTING THE HOLIDAY ROAD: The Firebirds finish off the first half of the regular season with two road contests going into the holiday break. Flint currently sits at the top of the Western Conference with 48 points and is 6-2-0-2 in its last 10 road games.

DASHING THROUGH DECEMBER: **Darels Uljanskis** leads all OHL defensemen in points in December with two goals and eight assists. The Anaheim prospect tallied four points against Guelph last week and has recorded four multi-point performances in six games this month. Uljanskis missed 18 games due to injury, and has 11 points in the nine games since his return on Nov. 26.

ON THE NICE LIST: **Mason Vaccari** was named the OHL's Goaltender of the Week on Monday. Vaccari went 2-0-0-0 last week with 27 saves in a 9-1 win over Guelph and 32 saves in the 4-1 victory over Kitchener. This is the second time this season that Vaccari has earned this honor. The average goaltender leads the OHL in wins with 18 so far this season and is top-five in save percentage sporting a .918 SV%.

NO SILENT NIGHTS: The trio of **Nathan Aspinall**, **Jimmy Lombardi**, and **Alex Kostov** have carried the offensive load for Flint this season. The three forwards have dressed together in 25 games this year, and only once have all of them been held pointless, Nov. 1 vs Brantford. Aspinall currently leads the league in points with 48, Lombardi leads Flint in multi-point games with 13, and Kostov enters play on a 16-game point streak.

ODDS AND ENDS: The Firebirds have won their last two trips to St. Catharines...Niagara has allowed eight short-handed goals this season, which is tied for the most in the OHL. Meanwhile, Flint is the only team remaining to not allow a short-handed goal...

Ryan Roobroeck is tied for third in the OHL in power play goals with eight...

UP NEXT: The Firebirds will take the ice on Saturday night in Erie against the Otters. It's Flint's final game before Christmas. Puck drop at Erie Insurance Arena is set for 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
FLINT	33	22	7	2	2	48
Kitchener	32	19	10	3	0	41
Windsor	33	21	8	3	1	46
Soo	32	20	10	1	1	42
Owen Sound	34	17	14	0	3	37
London	32	17	12	3	0	37
Guelph	32	15	14	2	1	33
Erie	32	12	18	1	1	26
Saginaw	31	9	15	3	4	25
Sarnia	31	10	17	3	1	24

UPCOMING GAMES

Sat, Dec. 20	at Erie	7:00 p.m.
Sun, Dec. 28	vs Windsor	4:00 p.m.
Wed, Dec. 31	at Soo	4:07 p.m.
Fri, Jan. 2	at London	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan. 3	vs Brampton	7:00 p.m.

OPPONENT GUIDE/FIREBIRDS STREAKS & SUPERLATIVES

NIAGARA ICEDOGS

2024-25 Finish: 29-31-4-4, 66 pts (7th Eastern Conference)
 Playoff Result: Lost to Barrie in first round, 4-1



FIREBIRDS vs ICEDOGS IN 2025-26

DATE	VENUE	RESULT	SHF-SHA	PP	PK	ATT
9/27	Flint	L, 4-0	33-24	0-2	4-4	3,985
12/19	St. Catharines	7 p.m.				

HEAD-TO-HEAD		
	25-26	ALL-TIME
OVERALL:	0-1-0-0	7-9-1-0
HOME:	0-1-0-0	4-4-1-0
AWAY:	0-0-0-0	3-5-0-0
POSTSEASON:		

BIRDS - ICEDOGS NOTES
LAST YEAR: Flint won both of its games against Niagara in the 2024-25 season. The Firebirds dropped the IceDogs, 8-2 on the road and 4-1 at home.

BIRDS LEADERS VS ICEDOGS				
	G	A	PTS	+/-
	GAA	SV%	W-L-OTL-SOL	
Vaccari	4.01	.833	0-1-0-0	

ICEDOGS LEADERS VS BIRDS				
	G	A	PTS	+/-
Czata	1	1	2	+4
Patterson	0	2	2	+3
Roobroeck	0	1	1	+3
	GAA	SV%	W-L-OTL-SOL	
Robertson	0.00	1.000	1-0-0-0	

FIREBIRDS STREAKS AND SUPERLATIVES

5+ GAME POINT STREAKS	10+ GAME POINT STREAKS	PLAYER OF THE WEEK/MONTH
JIMMY LOMBARDI: Eight games, 10/8 - 30 (5 G, 7 A) NATHAN ASPINALL: Six games, 10/3 - 19 (6 G, 4 A) ALEX KOSTOV: Six games, 9/28 - 10/19 (4 G, 5 A) JIMMY LOMBARDI: Five games, 11/22 - 11/30 (7 G, 2 A) JIMMY LOMBARDI: Five games, 11/5 - 14 (6 G, 4 A)	ALEX KOSTOV: 16 games, 11/2 - present (11 G, 16 A) NATHAN ASPINALL: 13 games, 11/14 - 12/12 (14 G, 14 A)	MASON VACCARI: Goaltender of the Week, Oct. 6-12 (2-0-0-0, 0.00 GAA, 1.000 SV%, 2 SO) ALEX KOSTOV: Player of the Week, Nov. 3-9 (3 GP, 7 G, 2 A, +6) NATHAN ASPINALL: Player of the Week, Nov. 10-16 (3 GP, 4 G, 3 A, +5) NATHAN ASPINALL: Player of the Month, Nov. (14 GP, 11 G, 13 A, +5) MASON VACCARI: Goaltender of the Week, Dec. 8-14 (2-0-0-0, 1.00 GAA, .967 SV%, 0 SO)

FIREBIRDS ODDS & ENDS

HIGHS & LOWS

Team Miscellaneous

Longest Winning Streak:	11 games, 11/5 - 11/29
Longest Point Streak:	12 games, 11/5 - 11/30
Longest Winless Streak:	4 games, 9/27 - 10/4
Longest Regulation Losing Streak:	2 games, twice, Last: 11/1 - 11/2
Largest Margin of Victory:	8, 12/10 vs Guelph (W, 9-1)
Largest Margin of Defeat:	7, 11/1 vs Brantford (L, 7-0)
Largest Deficit Overcome in Win:	3, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Largest Crowd, Home:	4,055, 10/18 vs Saginaw (W, 5-4)
Largest Crowd, Road:	9,061, 10/3 at London (OTL, 5-4)
Smallest Crowd, Home:	2,283, 12/10 vs Guelph (W, 9-1)
Smallest Crowd, Road:	2,137, 11/21 at Brampton (SOW, 2-1)
Most PIM, Game:	19, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Most PIM by Opponent:	17, 9/27 vs Niagara (L, 4-0)

Team Offense

Most Goals, Game:	9, twice, Last: 12/10 vs Guelph (W, 9-1)
Most Goals, Period:	7, 2nd period, 11/7 vs North Bay (W, 9-3)
Most Shots, Game:	43, 11/26 vs Saginaw (W, 5-4)
Most Shots, Period:	19, 1st period, 11/12 vs London (W, 3-2)
Fewest Shots, Game:	16, 10/24 at Kitchener (L, 4-1)
Fewest Shots, Period:	2, twice, Last: 1st period, 11/30 at Sarnia (SOL, 3-2)
Most Power Plays, Game:	6, twice, Last: 11/23 at Owen Sound (W, 6-3)
Most Power Play Goals, Game:	3, twice, Last: 12/10 vs Guelph (W, 9-1)

Individual Offense

Most Goals, Game:	4, Alex Kostov, 11/7 vs North Bay (W, 9-3)
Most Assists, Game:	5, Brady Smith, 11/7 vs North Bay (W, 9-3)
Most Points, Game:	5, twice, Last: Nathan Aspinall, 12/10 vs Guelph (W, 9-1)
Most Shots, Game:	9, Nathan Aspinall, 11/15 vs Owen Sound (W, 6-2)
Most PIM, Game:	7, Ryland Cunningham, 11/7 vs North Bay (W, 9-3)
Longest Point Streak:	16 games, Alex Kostov, 11/2 - present (11 G, 16 A)

Team Defense

Most Goals Allowed, Game:	7, 9/28 at Sarnia (L, 7-4)
Most Goals Allowed, Period:	5, 3rd period, 11/1 vs Brantford (L, 7-0)
Most Shots Against, Game:	48, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Most Shots Against, Period:	20, twice, Last: 3rd period, 10/3 at London (OTL, 5-4)
Fewest Shots Against, Game:	17, 11/15 vs Owen Sound (W, 6-2)
Fewest Shots Against, Period:	3, 3rd period, 11/15 vs Owen Sound (W, 6-2)
Most Power Plays Against, Game:	7, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Most Power Play Goals Allowed, Game:	2, 11/26 vs Saginaw (W, 5-4)
Most Penalties Killed, Game:	7, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)

Individual Goaltending

Most Saves, Game:	43, Mason Vaccari, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Most Saves, Period:	19, Mason Vaccari, 3rd period, 9/20 at Saginaw (OTW, 6-5)
Most Goals Allowed, Game:	7, Mason Courville, 9/28 at Sarnia (L, 7-4)
Most Goals Allowed, Period:	5, Mason Vaccari, 3rd period, 11/1 vs Brantford

SCORING BY PERIOD

	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	SO	TOT
OPP	29	26	35	2	2	94
BIRDS	42	48	32	2	2	125
+/-	+13	+22	-3	E	E	+31

MULTI-POINT GAMES

MULTI-GOAL GAMES

	Total	2	3	4+	Total	2	3+
ALLEN	2	2	0	0	1	1	0
ANDERSON	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
ASPINALL	12	5	4	3	7	6	1
BLEICK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BONNYMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. COLOSIMO	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
J. COLOSIMO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUNNINGHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D'ARCY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FELLINGER	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
GRAZIANO	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
HULL	4	4	0	0	1	1	0
KOMADOSKI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KOSTOV	9	5	3	1	4	2	2
LOMBARDI	13	11	2	0	4	4	0
MORGAN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
MURATA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
PAZII	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PODREKAR	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
SMITH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
TESSIER	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
THIBODEAU	4	3	1	0	1	1	0
ULJANSKIS	4	3	0	1	0	0	0
WANG	3	2	1	0	1	1	0

SHOOTOUT STATISTICS

SHOOTER	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%	SHOOTER	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
THIBODEAU	1	1	100				
ASPINALL	2	4	50				
KOSTOV	1	3	33.3				
LOMBARDI	1	4	25				
ANDERSON	0	1	0				
WANG	0	1	0				
SHOOTER	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%	SHOOTER	GOALS	ATTEMPTS	%
				GOALTENDER	SAVES	ATTEMPTS	SV%
				VACCARI	9	11	.818
				COURVILLE	0	2	.000

FIREBIRDS GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Pts	SHF-SHA	PP	PK	Att.
9/20	@ Saginaw	OTW, 6-5	1-0-0-0	2	36-48	2-5	7-7	4,926
9/27	Niagara	L, 4-0	1-1-0-0	2	24-33	0-4	2-2	3,925
9/28	@ Sarnia	L, 7-4	1-2-0-0	2	19-30	0-4	4-5	3,174
10/3	@ London	OTL, 5-4	1-2-1-0	3	31-44	0-2	2-3	9,061
10/4	Sarnia	L, 4-2	1-3-1-0	3	28-39	1-4	2-3	2,484
10/8	Kitchener	W, 3-0	2-3-1-0	5	31-20	0-5	3-3	3,243
10/11	Oshawa	W, 3-0	3-3-1-0	7	33-26	0-5	2-2	2,625
10/18	Saginaw	W, 5-4	4-3-1-0	9	22-34	1-2	1-2	4,055
10/19	@ Saginaw	SOW, 4-3	5-3-1-0	11	30-42	2-4	4-5	3,439
10/24	@ Kitchener	L, 4-1	5-4-1-0	11	16-41	0-1	3-4	6,084
10/25	Erie	W, 5-0	6-4-1-0	13	34-19	2-3	4-4	2,507
10/26	Owen Sound	W, 6-2	7-4-1-0	15	31-41	0-0	5-6	2,833
10/30	@ Saginaw	W, 5-1	8-4-1-0	17	24-30	0-1	2-3	3,639
11/1	Brantford	L, 7-0	8-5-1-0	17	30-30	0-2	0-1	2,815
11/2	@ Windsor	L, 5-2	8-6-1-0	17	20-30	0-6	3-4	4,702
11/5	@ Soo	W, 3-2	9-6-1-0	19	18-32	0-2	4-4	3,222
11/7	North Bay	W, 9-3	10-6-1-0	21	29-23	1-4	3-3	2,656
11/8	Guelph	W, 6-3	11-6-1-0	23	29-29	1-1	1-1	3,854
11/12	London	W, 3-2	12-6-1-0	25	36-28	0-1	3-3	2,932
11/14	@ Brantford	OTW, 3-2	13-6-1-0	27	35-35	0-2	1-2	3,207
11/15	Owen Sound	W, 6-2	14-6-1-0	29	35-17	0-2	2-3	3,020
11/21	@ Brampton	SOW, 2-1	15-6-1-0	31	35-22	1-6	4-4	2,137
11/22	@ Guelph	W, 4-3	16-6-1-0	33	30-31	1-4	5-6	4,719
11/23	@ Owen Sound	W, 6-3	17-6-1-0	35	32-37	3-6	3-4	2,512
11/26	Saginaw	W, 5-4	18-6-1-0	37	43-27	1-4	2-4	3,676
11/29	Soo	W, 3-2	19-6-1-0	39	17-30	1-6	6-6	3,612
11/30	@ Sarnia	SOL, 3-2	19-6-1-1	40	27-22	0-2	2-2	4,047
12/4	@ Peterborough	L, 3-2	19-7-1-1	40	30-34	1-3	3-4	2,675
12/5	@ Kingston	W, 4-2	20-7-1-1	42	24-26	1-4	5-5	2,996
12/7	@ Ottawa	SOL, 3-2	20-7-1-2	43	32-26	0-3	6-7	4,144
12/10	Guelph	W, 9-1	21-7-1-2	45	36-28	3-6	1-1	2,283
12/12	Kitchener	W, 4-1	22-7-1-2	47	24-33	0-1	2-3	2,718
12/13	Sarnia	OTL, 3-2	22-7-2-2	48	24-29	0-1	3-3	3,227
12/19	@ Niagara	7 p.m.						
12/20	@ Erie	7 p.m.						
12/28	Windsor	4 p.m.						
12/31	@ Soo	4:07 p.m.						
1/2	@ London	7 p.m.						
1/3	Brampton	7 p.m.						
1/7	Sarnia	7 p.m.						
1/9	Saginaw	7 p.m.						
1/10	Kingston	7 p.m.						
1/15	@ Barrie	7 p.m.						
1/16	@ Sudbury	7:05 p.m.						
1/18	@ North Bay	2 p.m.						
1/23	@ Windsor	7:05 p.m.						
1/24	Windsor	7 p.m.						
1/30	Barrie	7 p.m.						
1/31	Sarnia	7 p.m.						
2/4	@ Sarnia	7:05 p.m.						
2/6	@ Soo	7:07 p.m.						
2/7	Erie	7 p.m.						
2/11	Saginaw	7 p.m.						
2/13	@ Guelph	7:07 p.m.						
2/14	@ Erie	7 p.m.						
2/16	@ Oshawa	2:05 p.m.						
2/21	Sudbury	7 p.m.						
2/22	@ Windsor	4:05 p.m.						
2/28	Ottawa	7 p.m.						
3/1	Peterborough	4 p.m.						
3/4	Soo	7 p.m.						
3/6	@ Sarnia	7:05 p.m.						
3/7	Windsor	7 p.m.						
3/13	Soo	7 p.m.						
3/14	@ Saginaw	7:05 p.m.						
3/17	@ Kitchener	7 p.m.						
3/18	@ Owen Sound	7 p.m.						
3/21	London	7 p.m.						