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Capitals Action v Kestrels Pics by Ian Coyle

Right: Sean Cochrane scores the game winning penalty shot.

Below: Sean shows how it feels to score the game winner.



Right: Ben Keddie makes the save of the season so far to thwart George Pitcaithly.



Left: After the battle it's handshakes all round.

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Top Twenty Points and Netminders S N L Statistics

Stats at 23 September

Pos	Player	Team	Stats at 23 September					Averages per Game			
			GP	GlS	Asts	Pts	PiM	GlS	Asts	Pts	PiM
1	Brant Saretsky	Lynx	4	3	12	15	0	0.75	3.00	3.75	0.00
2	Phil Edgar	Warriors	5	4	7	11	4	0.80	1.40	2.20	0.80
3	John Dolan	Rockets	2	3	8	11	0	1.50	4.00	5.50	0.00
4	Jaydn Baxter	Lynx	4	7	3	10	4	1.75	0.75	2.50	1.00
5	Joe Lynch	Capitals	3	6	3	9	12	2.00	1.00	3.00	4.00
6	Mark Laing	Lynx	2	5	4	9	0	2.50	2.00	4.50	0.00
7	Conor Duncan	Lynx	4	5	4	9	2	1.25	1.00	2.25	0.50
8	Callum Queenan	Warriors	5	3	6	9	4	0.60	1.20	1.80	0.80
9	Dylan Murray	Wild	4	3	5	8	20	0.75	1.25	2.00	5.00
10	Adam Wood	Warriors	5	2	6	8	11	0.40	1.20	1.60	2.20
11	Ben Edmonds	Lynx	4	0	8	8	0	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
12	Martyn Simpson	Pirates	4	1	6	7	2	0.25	1.50	1.75	0.50
13	Kyle Ross	Warriors	3	4	3	7	2	1.33	1.00	2.33	0.67
14	Scott Cowan	Wild	3	4	3	7	0	1.33	1.00	2.33	0.00
15	Harry Harley	Warriors	5	2	5	7	0	0.40	1.00	1.40	0.00
16	Chad Smith	Capitals	3	1	6	7	2	0.33	2.00	2.33	0.67
17	Sam McCluskey	Rockets	2	0	7	7	6	0.00	3.50	3.50	3.00
18	Scott Jamieson	Kestrels	6	6	0	6	4	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.67
19	Deniss Kontseus	Rockets	2	3	3	6	2	1.50	1.50	3.00	1.00
20	Lewis McIntosh	Rockets	2	5	0	5	0	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00

Top 15 Netminders Stats

	Netminder	Team	GP	TOI		Shots Agst	Saves	GlS Agst	Save%	GlS Agt Ave	PiM	Shut out
				Hr	Min							
1	Liam Griffin	Lynx	4	01:30	19	28	27	1	.964	0.66	0.00	0
2	Euan Simpson	Rockets	2	01:00	00	13	12	1	.923	1.00	0.00	1
3	Thomas Brown	Warriors	5	03:55	41	126	122	4	.968	1.02	0.00	1
4	Daniel McGowan	Pirates	3	03:00	00	128	122	6	.953	2.00	0.00	0
5	Joshua Crane	Warriors	3	01:00	00	36	34	2	.944	2.00	0.00	0
6	Dale Shearer	Rockets	2	01:00	00	16	14	2	.875	2.00	0.00	0
7	Ben Keddie	Capitals	3	03:05	00	102	93	9	.912	2.92	0.00	0
8	Andrew Little	Kestrels	1	01:00	00	21	18	3	.857	3.00	0.00	0
9	Craig Holland	Kestrels	4	04:05	00	144	131	13	.91	3.18	0.00	0
10	Rory Wood	Lynx	4	02:29	41	82	71	11	.866	4.41	0.00	0
11	Harry Campbell	Sharks	3	02:49	14	156	141	15	.904	5.32	0.00	0
12	Logan Reid	Sharks	1	10:46		5	4	1	.800	5.57	0.00	0



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Honours
Northern League Champions 2023-24
SNL Play Off Champions 2023-2024
Northern Challenge Cup 2024

We start this weeks column with the great news for Murrayfield, and indeed Scottish ice hockey fans, that Great Britain will be in action here in February 2026. It looks a long way off but, so did the start of this season during the summer. As part of the national teams preparations for next years World Championship they will be playing here at Murrayfield Ice Arena in the IIHF European Cup of Nations. Great Britain will face Poland, Slovenia and Ukraine between the 5th and 8th February.

The schedule and ticket pricing has yet to be confirmed but as this is a series outwith the Capitals jurisdiction Capitals season tickets will not be valid for the event.

What a blockbuster of a game we had against the Kestrels seven days ago. It was a game which had all you could want from a game and more.

The Capitals prevailed in the end and were never behind which said a lot for the Kestrels who came back at us every time. Undoubtedly Joe Lynch was our Man of the Match with his five goals but the whole team contributed to the win. Perhaps on any other day Ben Keddie might have take the award especially after his five penalty shots saves which in the end were just as important as Joe's five timer. In fact Ben was voted by the Capitals players as their Player of the Match.

After four penalty shot misses Sean Cochrane kept his nerve and cool to slot the puck past the Kestrels netminder. The roar which greeted the goal might well have rivalled a roar from next door. Just a small point, it's a pity so many left at the end of regulation time. Perhaps a week announcement should the situation arise again.

Then it was over to Kirkcaldy the next night for another vital game. In a tousy first period we trailed by a goal. The Caps fans were back to biting their nails but, a huge 5-0 middle period perhaps put them in a easier frame of mind. We lost a pair of goals in the third period but had done enough to secure two more league points by 5-2.

Just a wee reminder of our game against Whitley Warriors next Saturday at which we will be retiring Jock Hay's number 12 jersey. Jock debuted for the former Murrayfield Racers in season 1975-76 and went on to become a true legend of Murrayfield hockey. Please come along and show your appreciation of a great player.



Tickets for Worlds now Available

Day tickets are now available for the 2026 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Switzerland.

From 15th to 31st May 2026, the world's top 16 national teams will battle it out over 64 thrilling games for the prestigious World Championship title.

GB will be based in Group A in the 12,000-seater Swiss Life Arena in Zurich.

World Championship: Group A (Zurich) schedule

Saturday 16th May: Great Britain v Austria 12:20 (11:20 BST)

Sunday 17th May: Great Britain v USA 12:20 (11:20 BST)

Tuesday 19th May: Hungary v Great Britain 20:20 (19:20 BST)

Thursday 21st May: Switzerland v Great Britain 20:20 (19:20 BST)

Friday 22nd May: Finland v Great Britain 20:20 (19:20 BST)

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Sunday 24th May: Great Britain v Latvia 16:20 (15:20 BST)

Monday 25th May: Germany v Great Britain 20:20 (19:20 BST)

The state-of-the-art arenas in Zurich and Fribourg will provide the perfect stage for high-intensity action on the ice and an electrifying atmosphere in the stands and Official Fan Zones.

IIHF Single Game Tickets will be released in February 2026.

You are also able to purchase tickets via the Great Britain Supporters' Club who sit together at games and create that famous Barmy Army atmosphere.

To register your interest with GBSC please email gbschq@btinternet.com

Stats from Last Saturday's Epic v Kestrels

Capitals Goals	Capitals Penalties	Kestrels Goals	Kestrels Penalties
1. 17 from 37 & 78 (2:36) PP	78, High Sticking (18.15)	1. 18 from 23 (10.33) SH	17. Hooking (0.55)
2. 17 from 37 & 11 (22:19)	37. Interference (29.40)	2. 97 from 6 (24.46)	53. Tripping (9.29)
3. 17 from 37 & 47 (34:23)	16. High Sticking (35.40)	3. 53 Unassisted (38.48) PP	97. Tripping (13.47)
4. 17 from 27 (40:52)	17. Interference (.37.08)	4. 97 from 18 (53.21)	71. Hooking (26.23)
5. 17 from 37 & 18 (48:18)	22. Hooking (59.17)	5. 20 from 6 & 34 (54.49)	Kestrels MoM 97
6. 10 Penalty shot	Capitals MoM 17	Shots on Kestrels	Additions
Shots on Capitals	Players MoM 34	4 Chris Wands	19 Lewis Gold
Ben Keddie:	Did not play	Craig Holland	Did not play.
14, 11, 16, 5 = 46	Dean Walker, Ross Dalglish, Rhys Stenhouse, Lukas James, Scott McKay.	9, 12, 14, 2 = 37	42 Fynn Page

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S N L League Results and Fixtures

Saturday 27th September					Sunday 28th September				
Aberdeen Lynx	23	Kilmarnock Thunder	1		Kirkcaldy Kestrels	3	Edinburgh Capitals	5	
Edinburgh Capitals	6ps	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	5		Whitley Warriors	7	Paisley Pirates	2	
North Ayrshire Wild	2	Dundee Rockets	8						

League Standings at 30 th September

Pos	Team	GP	W	I	OTL	GF	GA	GI Diff	Pts	Streak
1	Whitley Warriors	5	5	0	0	26	7	19	10	W5
2	Aberdeen Lynx	4	3	1	0	39	12	27	6	W3
3	Edinburgh Capitals	3	3	0	0	15	9	6	6	W3
4	Dundee Rockets	2	2	0	0	26	3	23	4	W2
5	Paisley Pirates	4	2	2	0	14	13	1	4	L2
6	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	6	1	3	2	17	23	-6	4	L3
7	North Ayrshire Wild	4	1	3	0	16	23	-7	2	L3
8	Solway Sharks	3	0	3	0	1	16	-15	0	L3
9	Kilmarnock Thunder	3	0	3	0	5	53	-48	0	L3

S N L Fixtures—Results

Home Team	AL	DR	EC	KT	KK	NAW	PP	SS	WW
Aberdeen Lynx		11-10 13-12	08-11 10-01	22-1 14-03	25-10 01-11	9-2 28-03	17-01 14-02	04-10 07-02	3-6 20-12
Dundee Rockets	21-12 21-03		26-10 29-03	18-1 24-01	19-10 31-01	04-10 08-02	16-11 10-01	02-11 28-03	22-11 01-03
Edinburgh Capitals	18-10 21-02	15-11 27-12		17-01 07-02	6-5ps 07-03	07-12 31-12	04-10 31-01	4-1 03-01	11-10 13-12
Kilmarnock Thunder	31-01 07-03	18-10 06-12	20-09 28-02		04-10 28-03	3-12 21-03	11-10 22-11	13-12 14-02	01-11 21-02
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	27-12 15-02	14-12 17-01	3-5 29-11	12-10 18-10		05-10 21-02	1-3 -02	5-0 09-11	15-11 06-12
N Ayrshire Wild	06-12 28-02	2-8 07-03	24-01 14-02	08-11 20-12	13-12 10-01		18-10 14-03	11-10 29-11	0-3 03-01
Paisley Pirates	3-4 26-10	07-12 25-01	02-11 21-03	05-10 23-11	6-1 21-12	09-11 01-02		11-01 15-03	29-11 28-02
Solway Sharks	22-11 24-01	01-02 22-03	16-11 01-03	21-12 22-02	04-01 08-03	25-10 14-12	19-10 28-12		18-10 15-02
Whitley Warriors	23-11 25-01	09-11 22-02	01-02 22-03	25-10 11-01	3-2ot 14-03	16-11 18-01	7-2 12-10	7-0 07-12	

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When is a Shot on Goal not a Shot on Goal?

For anyone new to watching or playing hockey, it can be confusing to know what qualifies as a shot on goal. Is it simply any time the puck is directed towards the net? Or does it have to actually make contact with the goaltender or the post? From understanding how shots on goal are recorded to the difference between a blocked shot and a miss, we've got you covered.

In the game of hockey, a shot on goal is considered to be an attempt by a player or team to score a goal by shooting the puck towards the opposing team's net with the intention of putting the puck into the net. Not all shots are created equal and only certain types of shots qualify as shots on goal.

There are specific criteria that must be met in order for a shot to be considered a shot on goal. These include:

- The shot must be taken by an offensive player from within the attacking zone.
- The puck must cross the goal line and enter the net without being touched by any other player.
- The goalpost and crossbar count as part of the net.

The goalie must not stop or deflect the puck before it crosses the goal line.

While a shot on goal requires the aforementioned criteria to be met, a shot that misses the net entirely does not. Instead, missed shots are categorized as either high or wide, depending on where the shot went relative to the net. Shots that hit the post or crossbar but do not go into the net are not counted as shots on goal.

Missed shots still have the potential to create rebounds that can lead to goals, but they are not considered shots on goal since they were not on target.

The types of shots that qualify as shots on goal vary depending on the situation, but some examples include wrist shots, slap shots, and backhand shots. Any shot taken from the attacking zone that meets the criteria outlined above counts as a shot on goal.

A shot on goal is defined by specific criteria. Only shots that meet these criteria count towards a team's statistics and have the potential to lead to points if a goal is scored. While missed shots and shots that hit the post still impact the game, they do not qualify as shots on goal since they were not on target.

What Happens If A Shot On Goal Hits The Post?

Hitting the post means the puck made contact with either one of the goalposts but did not cross the goal line into the net. It does not count as a goal or a missed shot under any circumstance, regardless of how close the puck came to entering the net. Play continues until someone gains control of the puck, whether it be the offensive or defensive team.

Although players might sense disappointment when hitting one of the posts because of how close they came to scoring, sometimes hitting the post creates opportunities for other shots on the rebound.

- The play continues until someone gains control of the puck, whether it be the offensive or defensive team
- *All missed shots in ice hockey come under a statistic called 'shots attempted,' which represents the total number of times a player shoots towards the net and misses or hits it.*
- If the missed shot is intentional and results in icing (where the defending player clears the puck across both red and blue lines), then they will face off in their defensive zone where the sequence started.

In some instances, when there are several missed shots on the opponent's goal, fatigue may factor into shot accuracy; stickhandling becomes more difficult as arms tire from continuously shooting at higher intensities.

To sum up. A shot on goal is a shot taken towards the net and would have gone into the net if not for the goaltender's blocks or deflections from defenders in front of him.

As Wayne Gretzky once said "You miss 100% of the shots you never take."

Capitals Fixtures and Results 2025-26

Day	Date	HA	Opponent	Comp	Final Score Caps		Period Scores (Capitals first)							Shots on Caps	Shots on Opp	PiM on Caps	PiM on Opp	Caps MoM
							1	2	3	OT								
Sun	31/08	H	Paisley Pirates	EXH	6	1	1	0	2	0	4	1	-	34	36	12	12	16
Sat	06/09	A	Sheffield Steeldogs	EXH	2	5	2	1	0	2	0	2	-	70	21	4	2	24
Sun	07/09	H	Sheffield Steeldogs	EXH	2	14	0	7	2	5	0	2	-	49	28	8	14	22
Sat	13/09	H	Solway Sharks	SNL	4	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	-	18	58	8	10	24
Sat	20/09	A	Kilmarnock Thun-	SNL	P	P												
Sat	27/09	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	6	5ps	1	1	2	2	2	2	0-0	46	37	10	5	17
Sun	28/09	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	5	3	0	1	5	0	0	2	-	38	41	48	39	78
Sat	04/10	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL														
Sat	11/10	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	Jock Hay #12 jersey retirement game													
Sat	18/10	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL														
Sat	25/10	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	Halloween Fancy Dress Night													
Sun	26/10	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL														
Sat	01/11	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup														
Sun	02/11	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	To be played at MIA													
Sat	08/11	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL														
Sun	16/11	H	Solway Sharks	SNL														
Sat	22/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	Skate with the Capitals													
Sat	29/11	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL														
Sun	30/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	St Andrews Day Theme Night													
Sat	13/12	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	Annual Teddy Toss													
Sat	27/12	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	7:30 pm Face off													
We	31/12	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	2:00 pm Face off													
Sat	03/01	H	Solway Sharks	SNL														
Sat	10/01	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL														
Sat	17/01	H	Kilmarnock Thun-	SNL	Retro Night													
Sat	24/01	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL														
Sat	31/01	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL														
Sun	01/02	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL														
Sat	07/02	H	Kilmarnock Thun-	SNL	Valentines Night													
Sat	14/02	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL														
Sat	21/02	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL														
Sat	28/02	A	Kilmarnock Thun-	SNL														
Sun	01/03	A	Solway Sharks	SNL														
Sat	07/03	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	Skate with the Capitals													
Sat	21/03	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	To be played at MIA													
Sun	22/03	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL														
Sat	29/03	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL														

Legend: CHA, Challenge: S N L- Scottish National League: SC-Scottish Cup:
Please check the Capitals web site for any late changes



Capitals S N L Statistics 2025-26

Stats at 23 September courtesy of Caps Statistician

Stats at 23 September courtesy of Caps Statistician							Averages per Game			
#	Player	GP	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM
17	Joe Lynch	3	6	3	11	12	0.00	1.00	3.67	4.00
37	Chad Smith	3	1	6	7	2	0.33	2.00	2.33	0.67
78	Rihards Grigors	3	2	2	5	2	0.67	0.67	1.67	0.67
10	Sean Cochrane	3	2	1	3	0	0.67	0.33	1.00	0.00
22	Aiden Paterson	3	2	1	3	4	0.67	0.33	1.00	1.33
47	Joel Gautschi	3	2	1	3	4	0.67	0.33	1.00	1.33
16	Conner McNulty	3	1	1	2	4	0.33	0.33	0.67	1.33
8	Adam Robinson	3	0	1	1	2	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.67
33	Scott Geddes	2	0	1	1	0	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00
27	Sean Stewart	3	0	1	1	2	0.00	0.33	0.33	0.67
18	Ben Coughtrie	3	0	1	1	30	0.00	0.33	0.33	10.00
7	Cameron Wilkie	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Cameron Gallacher	3	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Rhys Stenhouse	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67
20	Aaron Robertson	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Kyle Howie	3	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90	Kris Phillips	2	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Justin Finnigan	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
68	Lukas James	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
77	Scott McKay	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Dean Walker	1	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Ross Dagleish	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
#	Netminder	GP	TOI	Shots	Saves	Gls Ag	Save%	Gls Ag Ave	Shut Out	PiM
24	Ben Keddie	3	185.00	102	94	8	.922	2.60	0	0
13	Ciaran Hoggan	3								

Capitals Period Stats @ 30th September

Period	1	2	3	OTW	OTL	Total
Wins	0	2	1	0	0	3
Draws	2	1	1	1	0	5
Losses	1	0	1	0	0	2
Goals Scored per Period	1	10	3	1	0	15
Goals Lost per Period	2	3	4	0	0	9

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Ever wanted to skate out onto the ice through the Lion tunnel with the team?

Edinburgh Capitals are excited to offer a mascot package for the 2025-2026 SNL campaign, which will allow you to meet the team behind the scenes and take to the ice before the opening Face-Off.

The package costs £100 and mascots can be of any age. This will cover entry to the game for 1 adult and 1 child.

As a mascot, you and one guest will enjoy the pre-game experience here at Murrayfield Ice Arena with a chance to meet the players and grab photos and autographs. You will then get ready to take to the ice with the Edinburgh Capitals. You will also be able to watch the team warm up from the Capitals bench (helmet and face guard must be worn and can be provided).

As the lights go down and the atmosphere rises, you will skate out with the player of your choice for the opening Face-Off, and photos will be taken as you come through the Caps tunnel. You will then head into the huddle for fist bumps as the boys get ready for game time. Your name will also be announced to the crowd, and your photos and experience will be posted on our club's social media pages.

All mascots and guests must wear a helmet (with a face guard, if under 21). Helmets can be provided. If you are doing a walk-on package, no kit is required.

This will again be on a first-come, first-served basis, and packages are now available to purchase through the Capitals Fanbase App for each home game.

For any additional questions, please contact Scott Neil at scottcapitals@gmail.com

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Off Beat Tales from the N H L

A quick glance at Ken Doraty's career stats will show you nothing remarkable from the journeyman winger. He only scored 15 goals in his NHL career, but three of them will keep "Cagie" Ken in the hockey record books forever. Before there was a sudden death overtime in the NHL teams would play a 10-minute overtime period at the conclusion of a regulation tie. Doraty and his Toronto Maple Leafs found themselves in this situation in 1934 against the Ottawa Senators. Tied 4-4 heading into the overtime session, Doraty channelled his inner sniper, scoring the only hat-trick in NHL overtime history, leading the Leafs to a 7-4 victory. With the changes in the overtime rules, Doraty will remain in the NHL record books forever.

NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan told a funny story a few years ago on radio show about when he was a young player. Shanahan was a huge fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs growing up. He was skating at a rink in the summer of 1983 in Toronto and heard that Rick Vaive had been skating at an adjoining rink and was in the next locker room over. Shanahan wandered in to the locker room and asked the Toronto captain for an autograph. He described the response from Vaive as less than accommodating. Shanahan would get drafted and went straight to the NHL four years later with the New Jersey Devils. He never forgot about his encounter with Vaive. During a game against Buffalo Shanahan lined up next to Vaive and attacked him when the puck dropped. After the scrap, two linesmen had to drag the rookie winger to the penalty box. Vaive, dumbfounded by the malice in the confrontation found out from Shanahan's teammate Jim Korn that the rookie pugilist happened to be a disgruntled autograph seeker from four years before.

One of the biggest characters in NHL history is Chris Nilan. Most of his career was spent with the Montreal Canadiens before finishing his career with the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins. He earned the nickname "Knuckles" for his strong desire to throw them at opponents' faces. Nilan makes the list for three reasons. Reason one is the massive amount of penalty minutes accumulated in his career

(3043). The second is Nilan's unique place in the NHL record books. In a 1991 game while playing in Boston, Nilan collected 10 separate penalties: six minors, two majors, one misconduct and one game misconduct, for a total of 42 penalty minutes.

The most awesome fact about Chris Nilan is that he purchased the old penalty box from the Montreal Forum when they were auctioning off pieces of the historical barn. Possibly the coolest addition to any man cave ever. There is story about how Mark Messier ended the New York Rangers' 54-year Stanley Cup drought. Does anyone know the story about why it became a curse? Other than the blue shirt futility on Broadway, there appears to have been some supernatural concoctions along the way that give much more "valid" reasons behind the championship void. The 1940 New York Rangers were already in a celebratory mood. The mortgage on the Rangers' home, Madison Square Garden was paid off that year so they decided upon winning the championship they would burn the documents in the cup. Though it has been speculated that the burning documents were extinguished with the urine of Ranger players, particularly Lyn Patrick, that story cannot be confirmed. Another notable theory is that Red Dutton of the rival New York Americans declared that the Rangers would never win the cup as long as he was alive. Dutton's declaration held true to his passing in 1987 and then some.

The long standing tradition of having your name engraved into the fabled hockey trophy is one of the coolest perks of winning the trophy. Seeing your name on the trophy along with names of some of the all-time greats has to be one of the coolest things in the world. Phil Bourque got his Stanley Cup in 1991 as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins. The second-most famous (arguably) Bourque in the NHL noticed that the cup was rattling during his day with the trophy during the summer and took it apart. He found that a couple of repairmen had inscribed their own names on the inside of the cup and decided that he wanted to do the same. Bourque carved in his own message for future curious cup winners: "Enjoy it, Phil Bourque, '91 Penguins." Classic.

Two of Joe's goals against his home town team



It's not often a player scores five goals against the Kestrels but Joe did exactly that last Saturday. Ian Coyle captured two of them .



IIHF European Cup of Nations

Old Boards, New Chapters

Murrayfield isn't just a venue on the schedule, it's one of the places where Great Britain hockey learned to be itself. From the buzz of the Murrayfield Racers era to today's Capitals, Scottish rinks – and Murrayfield in particular – have supplied GB with scorers, playmakers and even elite officials for generations.

Edinburgh-born Tony Hand MBE lifted the ceiling on what a British player could be; Derek Reilly made winning feel routine in this building; and Moray Hanson set standards in stripes that shaped how the game is called.

Alongside greats from Fife, Glasgow and Dundee – Gordon Lat-

to, Colin Shields MBE, Stephen Murphy, Jimmy Penneycook – Scotland has been a constant thread in the GB jersey.

Hosting the IIHF European Cup of Nations at Murrayfield brings that heritage into the present: the same end boards, the same noise, but a new generation preparing for the top division. It's a chance for Scottish fans to see GB on home ice, in a rink that's helped produce the people and the culture that got us here.

After GB's stop in Edinburgh, the team will begin their four-game series with Italy in front of the brilliant fans of Milton Keynes and Nottingham.



As you will now be aware, the league has expanded and we have 9 teams all fighting it out for the League, Scottish Cup, and Play Offs. The Capitals will face off against Aberdeen Lynx, Dundee Rockets, Kilmarnock Thunder, Kirkcaldy Kestrels, North Ayrshire Wild, Paisley Pirates, Solway Sharks, and Whitley Warriors over the course of the season, with many mouthwatering clashes to look forward to.

We will play a total of 32 league games, playing all teams both home and away, twice. Head Coach Steven Lynch has built a strong roster, and we are sure you will all be excited with the team that takes to the ice this season. He said, "Our fanbase has kept growing season after season, and we have no doubt that this will happen once again this upcoming campaign."

"The team when we hit the ice, will be a team that you will all be proud of. The players and I are all hungry to grab silverware after the disappointment of last season, and we will be giving it our all to do just that."

"Your support is massive to the team, and we would love to see you all back in the Lion's Den once again. Grab your season tickets now."

The season ticket will cover 16 home league games here at Murrayfield Ice Arena. All additional exhibition, cup, and play-off games will not be covered.

Like previous years, the majority of our home games will be on a Saturday at 6.30pm.

There will be a free 1-hour skate after every home game throughout the season for fans who have been in attendance.

The season ticket prices for the 2025-2026 season are as follows:

- Adults – £192 (£12 per game)
 - Child – £112 (£7 per game)
 - Family (2 x Adult, 2 x Children) – £519 (£32.43 per game)
 - Family (1 x Adult, 1 x Children) – £275 (£17.18 per game)
- Standard game day ticket prices will be £14 for adults and £9 for children.

Edinburgh Capitals Season Tickets are available to purchase now through the Fanbase, ticket link here:

<https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/SeasonTickets/SelectType?clubId=142>

Who's Visiting the Lions Den Next ?



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How it All Began

Ice hockey is believed to have evolved from simple stick and ball games played in the 18th and 19th centuries in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and elsewhere, primarily bandy, hurling, and shinty.

The North American sport of lacrosse was also influential. Arguably the games most influential to the early design of ice hockey were early forms of an organized sport today known as bandy, a sport distinctly separate from ice hockey.

These games were brought to North America and several similar winter games using informal rules developed, such as shinny and ice polo, but would later be absorbed into a new organized game with codified rules which today is ice hockey.

The origin of ice hockey was bandy, a game that has its roots in the Middle Ages. Just as for practically all other sports, the game of bandy achieved its modern form during the 19th century in England, more exactly in the Fen district on the East coast.

From the Fen district the game was spread to London and from London to the Continent during the second half of the 19th century. British soldiers stationed in eastern Canada brought the game to the North American continent in the 1850's and '60's.

You could find similar games there, played by immigrants (chiefly Dutch) and by Indians. Thus there were a number of different games played on skates with a stick and ball and with varying rules in America before ice hockey was invented.

Caps MoM v Kestrels



Joe Lynch gets the MoM award from Kari Leather and Stewart Cormack.

Caps Players MoM



Ben Keddie was Caps Players MoM and was awarded the Lion of the Match



The BIG Hockey Earning Nations

The highest-paying ice hockey league in Europe is the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL), which is the top division of Russian ice hockey. Pay ranges from £300,000 to around £2.5 million.

In 2016, it was reported that Alexander Radulov was offered a new record salary of £4.36 million, which would trump the £3.4 million highs earned by Ilya Kovalchuk and Pavel Datsyuk.

Following the invasion of Ukraine, the league lost several of its teams based outside of Russia, including those in Latvia and Finland, and the NHL suspended its dealings with the league.

The league hasn't ever featured in the ice hockey betting markets of the continent's top competition, the CHL, and in its place, lower-paying teams from Sweden, Finland, and Switzerland have become the champions of Europe.

How Much Do Other European Leagues Pay Ice Hockey Players?

With the KHL out ahead with a general salary range of £300,000 to £2.5 million per year in player pay, the SHL, DEL, Liiga, and NLA follow as the highest-paying leagues in Europe. Here's how they rank as it stands:

- 1.KHL, £300k to £2.5m (Russia)
- 2.NLA, £51k to £338k (Switzerland)
- 3.DEL, £76k to £295k (Germany)
- 4.SHL, £68k to £255k (Sweden)

5.Liiga, £64k to £255k (Finland)

6.ExtraLiga, £42k to £210k (Czechia)

The UK's EIHL ranks roughly in the middle of the pack for its pay as a top-flight European ice hockey league, with salaries ranging from around £12,500 to upwards of £420,000.

Switzerland recently rose to the top of CHL, with the Genève-Servette HC taking the crown. In the betting, though, it's usually the generally lower-paying SHL that sees its teams lead the odds.

How Does European Ice Hockey Pay Compare to NHL Salaries?

In the NHL, the minimum a player can earn on a contract is \$750,000 (£568k) per season.

The highest salary for an NHL player in 2024/25 was \$16.7 million (£12.7m) for Auston Matthews of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Across the 32 teams of the NHL there's usually at least one player collecting at least \$8 million (£6m) per season.

Playing in European ice hockey leagues may not be able to get many players seven figures per year, but there is decent enough pay for the stars who haven't quite made the leap to the NHL. Hundreds of hockey players across Europe are making at least a decent living, even if their salaries are a long way from the NHL's biggest stars.





EDINBURGH CAPITALS

Colours: White, Blue, Red

Capitals Goals									
#	Player	Pos		#	Scorer	Asst 1	Asst 2	Time	Type
13	Ciaran Hoggan	NM		1				:	
34	Ben Keddie	NM		2				:	
88	Jonnie Livingstone	NM		3				:	
3	Dean Walker	D		4				:	
7	Cameron Wilkie	D		5				:	
8	Adam Robinson	RW		6				:	
9	Cammy Gallagher	C/W		7				:	
10	Sean Cochrane	F	'A'	8				:	
16	Conner McNulty	C		9				:	
17	Joe Lynch	F	'A'	10				:	
Capitals Penalties									
#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins						
18	Ben Coughtrie	D							
19	Rhys Stenhouse	D							
20	Aaron Robertson	RW							
22	Aiden Paterson	D	'A'						
24	Kyle Howie	F							
25	Ross Dalgleish	C/D							
27	Sean Stewart	D							
33	Scott Geddes	D							
37	Chad Smith	LW/RW							
43	Justin Finnigan	F							
47	Joel Gautschi	C	'C'						
50	Charlie McLaughlin-Hama	D							
68	Lukas James	C							
77	Scott McKay	C							
78	Rihards Grigors	D							
90	Kris Phillips	C/D							

Head Coach: Steven Lynch. Asst. Coach.: Chad Smith.: Manager: Jim Paterson. Kit: Mackenzie Martin, Blaine Moore.

Shots On	#	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total	Time Out	Period Scores
Ciaran Hoggan	13	:						Capitals	Capitals
Ben Keddie	34	:						:	Pirates
Jonnie Livingstone	88	:						Referee: _____ Lines	

For your own safety and that of other fans please remain seated until play stops. Please follow the stewards instructions at all times. They are here to help not hinder you.

Flash photography is not allowed for player and officials safety.



Capitals MoM

Can you please put your empty cups, beer glasses and general rubbish in the bins around the Arena and not leave them under your seat. Thank You for your co-operation.

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PAISLEY PIRATES

Colours: Black, red, white



Pirates Goals									
#	Player	Pos		#	Scorer	Asst 1	Asst 2	Time	Type
39	Daniel McGowan	NM		1				:	
55	Callum Donaghy	NM		2				:	
70	Jake Reilly	NM		3				:	
4	Paul Corrigan	D		4				:	
6	Jay Herd	F		5				:	
7	Gary Parker	F		6				:	
8	Martyn Simpson	D	'A'	7				:	
10	Zack Docherty	D		8				:	
11	Fraser Kerr	F		9				:	
12	Jamie Whitelaw	D		10				:	
Pirates Penalties									
#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins						
13	Magnus Wrottesley	LW							
14	Bradley Annan	F							
16	Robbie Thomson	F							
17	Kaeden Aird	F							
18	Ben Walker	D							
19	Chris Wilson	F	'A'						
23	Calum Blair	D							
27	Chris Turley	D	'C'						
28	Jamie Crawford	F/D							
57	Ryan Parkin	F/D							
70	Marcus Murdoch	F	'A'						
77	Cameron Millar	F							
88	Craig Peacock	C/LW							
91	Ryan A Campbell	F							
92	Michael Dobson	F							

Head Coach: Ian Turley. Asst Coach: Robert Henderson. Manager: .Ian Turley Snr: Kit: Jason Barr

Shots On	#	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total
Daniel McGowan	39	:					
Callum Donaghy	55	:					
Jake Reilly	70	:					

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