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# MURRAYFIELD ICE ARENA 2025-2026



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## SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE

EDINBURGH CAPITALS vs PAISLEY PIRATES

6:30PM, 31/1/26 @ MURRAYFIELD ICE ARENA

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# Your 2025-2026 Edinburgh Capitals



Steven Lynch  
Head Coach



Jim Paterson  
Team Manager



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Ciaran Hoggan



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Ben Keddie



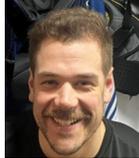
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Sean Cochrane  
Assistant Captain



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Conner McNulty



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Joe Lynch  
Assistant Captain



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Ben Coughtrie



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Rhys Stenhouse



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Aiden Paterson  
Assistant Captain



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Kyle Howie



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Garry Simpson



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Sean Stewart



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Scott Geddes



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Chad Smith  
Assistant Coach



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Justin Finnigan



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Joel Gautschi  
Captain



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Charlie  
McLaughlin-Hanna



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Scott McKay



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Rihards Grigors



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Kris Phillips



# Capitals Actionv Thunder



Left: 'Philly' with one of his two goals.

Pic: Mark Brown

Right: Dean foiled by the Thunder defence.  
Picture: Mark Brown



Left: Conner slide the puck home for one of his four goals in the game

Picture: Mark Brown

Right: Job Done, Points won.

Picture: Ian Coyle



## Team Stats PPSHG Face Off Stats Courtesy Capitals Statistician

Individual Player								Team Stats		
#	Player	GP	Pts	PPG	PPA	SHG	SHA	Penalty Kill	Total Mins	288
17	Joe Lynch	19	50	4	5	4	0	<b>Goals Conceded</b>	13	95%
37	Chad Smith	19	41	2	6	2	0	<b>PP Total Minutes</b>	273	
47	Joel Gautschi	19	33	5	3	0	2	<b>Goals Scored</b>	24	9%
16	Conner McNulty	19	28	4	5	1	0	<b>Average shots per game</b>	44	
24	Kyle Howie	20	22	0	1	1	0	<b>Average goals per game</b>	5	
10	Sean Cochrane	20	20	2	2	1	0	<b>Ave Shots Conceded</b>	29	
78	Rihards Grigors	20	19	1	7	0	1	<b>Ave Goals Conceded</b>	2	
27	Sean Stewart	18	15	2	4	0	0	<b>Face Offs</b>	<b>W %</b>	<b>L %</b>
22	Aidan Paterson	20	13	1	3	0	0	Garry Simpson	83%	27%
8	Adam Robinson	20	10	1	3	0	0	Chad Smith	78%	22%
26	Garry Simpson	68	9	0	2	0	0	Kyle Howie	75%	25%
33	Scott Geddes	4	8	0	0	0	0	Conner McNulty	74%	26%
90	Kris Phillips	19	8	2	0	0	1	Aaron Robertson	75%	25%
5	James Isaacs	50	8	0	0	0	0	Joe Lynch	73%	27%
20	Aaron Robertson	3	7	0	0	0	0	Sean Cochrane	71%	29%
77	Scott McKay	21	6	1	0	0	0	Joel Gautschi	67%	33%
19	Rhys Stenhouse	20	4	0	1	0	0	Kris Phillips	67%	33%
90	Ben Coughtrie	19	4	0	0	0	0	Adam Robinson	68%	32%
20	Cameron Gallacher	18	3	0	0	0	0	Ross Dalglish	50%	50%
24	Dean Walker	15	3	0	0	0	1	Scott McKay	60%	40%
7	Justin Finnigan	43	3	0	1	0	0	Justin Finningan	47%	53%
43	Cameron Wilkie	20	2	0	1	0	0			
4	Johan Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0			
50	Charlie McLaughlin-Hanna	7	0	0	0	0	0			
68	Lukas James	7	0	0	0	0	0			
25	Ross Dalglish	5	0	0	0	0	0			

## Who's Visiting the Lions Den Next ?



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Ice Pad

200 ft by 97 ft (61 m x 30m)

Capacity 3,500

Rink Constructed 1939

In 2013 the rink was designated a Category B listed structure by Historic Environment Scotland due to being "an extremely rare" surviving example of a purpose-built ice rink building featuring a stylish 1930s Art Deco Facade



Edinburgh Capitals

Founded 1998

Home Colours: White-Blue

Away Colours : Blue-White

Head Coach: Steven Lynch

Assistant Coach: Chad Smith.

Team Manager: Jim Paterson.

Equipment: Blaine Moore, Mackenzie Martin.

Media Manager: Mark Easton.

Announcer: TBC

Music: TBC

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Honours

Northern League Champions 2023-24

SNL Play Off Champions 2023-2024

Northern Challenge Cup 2024

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Our last home game saw us take the two points and a well earned 34 shot shut out for Ciaran Hoggan. We also surprisingly saw James Isaacs back in the familiar defensive role with Rihards sitting the game out.

We scored a round dozen against the Thunder but perhaps surprisingly the majority of our goals didn't come from the guys we thought would be putting the puck in the net. Joe, Garry and Joel didn't lead the way and we saw Conner bag four goals and Kris net a brace. It doesn't matter who scores the goals as long as we put the puck beyond the opposing netminders. It just shows that we are not relying on one or two guys to score with anyone liable to put the puck in the opposing net.

We had another amazing attendance of 2,250 for the game and our last four games has seen a total of 8,900 come along. If you had said to anyone beforehand that number of people would be coming along for SNL games, they would have the men in white coats come to take you away.

Unfortunately the news came through too late for our last programme copy deadline of a couple of addition fixtures for the Capitals. We now play Dundee Rockets in the Scottish Cup semi final over two legs. The first leg will be in Dundee on Sunday 8th February with a 5:00pm face off. The second leg will be played here on FRIDAY 27th February with a 7:30 face off. Can we just warn you in advance that Edinburgh Rugby will also be at home the same night so parking will be at a premium. Even more so with the construction work going on round the back of the arena.

It will be a busy weekend for players and fans as we have three games on successive nights. Following the Semi final we be in Kilmarnock on the 28th and then at Solway Sharks the following night. We will be hunting for points from both these fixtures so the squad will be well used I would imagine.

Steven signed 6'2", 15 year old defenceman Jonah Johnson from Belfast Junior Giants in time for him to debut at Auchenharvie last Saturday. He will play when circumstances allow. Welcome to the Capitals Jonah.

Tonight's visitors did us a great favour last Sunday when the defeated Dundee Rockets 4-3. If they continue that form they are going to prove a tough nut to crack tonight, we will have to be on top of our game to take the league points.

As the league stands we enter tonight's game holding a one point lead over Warriors with four games in hand over them and a two point lead over Rockets with two games in hand over them. Pirates lie fourth with 31 points and will be all out to add to that tonight.

## Capitals S N L and Cup Statistics @ 26th January 2026

Courtesy of Capitals Statistician

Average per Game

#	Player	GP	Gls	Assts	Pts	PiM	GIS	Asst	Pts	PiM
17	Joe Lynch	20	27	23	50	29	1.35	1.15	2.50	1.45
37	Chad Smith	20	19	22	41	15	0.95	1.10	2.05	0.75
47	Joel Gautschi	20	14	19	33	22	0.70	0.95	1.65	1.10
16	Conner McNulty	20	15	13	28	12	0.75	0.65	1.40	0.60
10	Sean Cochrane	20	11	9	20	4	0.55	0.45	1.00	0.20
78	Rihards Grigors	21	3	16	19	21	0.14	0.76	0.90	1.00
27	Sean Stewart	19	4	11	15	26	0.21	0.58	0.79	1.37
22	Aidan Paterson	21	2	11	13	12	0.10	0.52	0.62	0.57
8	Adam Robinson	21	1	9	10	10	0.05	0.43	0.48	0.48
26	Garry Simpson	4	6	3	9	4	1.50	0.75	2.25	1.00
90	Kris Phillips	21	5	3	8	12	0.24	0.14	0.38	0.57
24	Kyle Howie	22	3	5	8	2	0.14	0.23	0.36	0.09
5	James Isaacs	4	2	6	8	2	0.50	1.50	2.00	0.50
33	Scott Geddes	21	0	8	8	4	0.00	0.38	0.38	0.19
77	Scott McKay	20	2	4	6	36	0.10	0.20	0.30	1.80
19	Rhys Stenhouse	19	1	3	4	16	0.05	0.16	0.21	0.84
18	Ben Coughtrie	16	0	4	4	40	0.00	0.25	0.25	2.50
9	Cameron Gallacher	20	2	1	3	22	0.10	0.05	0.15	1.10
43	Justin Finnigan	17	1	2	3	43	0.06	0.12	0.18	2.53
3	Dean Walker	20	0	3	3	0	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00
7	Cameron Wilkie	22	1	1	2	2	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.09
44	Jonah Johnson	1	1	0	1	0	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
50	Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna	18	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
68	Lukas James	3	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67
25	Ross Dalglish	5	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	1.6

## Netminder League and Cup Stats

#	Netminder	GP	TOI	Shots	Saves	Gls Ag	Save%	Gls Ag Ave	Shut Out	PiM
13	Ciaran Hoggan	22	359.15	138	131	7	.949	1.16	1	2
34	Ben Keddie	22	970.39	482	453	29	.939	1.91	4	0
88	Jonnie Livingstone									

### Capitals Period SNL Games Stats at 26th January

Period	1	2	3	OT	Total	OT/PSW	OT/PSL
Wins	15	16	8	2	41	2	0
Draws	4	5	10	0	19	0	0
Losses	3	1	4	1	9	0	1
Goals Scored per Period	38	49	31	3	121	2	1
Goals Lost per Period	8	13	16	1	38	0	1

## Capitals Fixtures and Results 2025-26

Day	Date	HA	Opponent	Comp	Final Score		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	34
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	34
Sat	27/09	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	6	5p	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	4	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	-	34	39	6	6	10
Sat	11/10	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	-	23	31	8	18	37
Sat	18/10	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	39	29	10	10	34
Sat	25/10	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	-	25	28	22	40	27
Sun	26/10	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL	5	4ot	4	1	0	1	0	2	1-0	51	30	12	8	17
Sat	01/11	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	6	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	-	32	52	26	18	43
Sun	02/11	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	6	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	-	29	40	15	17	16
Sat	08/11	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	6	2	1	0	2	2	3	0	-	26	46	6	8	78
Sun	16/11	A	Solway Sharks	SNL	5	2	1	0	2	0	2	2	-	27	65	9	6	37
Sat	22/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	14	38	11	13	34
Sat	29/11	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	2	3ot	2	1	0	0	0	0	0-1	35	35	26	38	17
Sun	30/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	12	1	3	0	5	0	4	1	-	21	35	12	16	77
Sat	13/12	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	5	4ot	0	1	3	1	1	1	1-0	23	50	13	17	37
Sat	27/12	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	41	32	15	21	17
Wed	31/12	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	-	32	69	45	19	5
Sat	03/01	H	Solway Sharks	SNL	10	1	3	0	3	1	4	0	-	17	56	4	12	26
Sat	10/01	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	8	1	5	0	2	0	1	1	-	32	64	12	14	34
Sat	17/01	H	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL	12	0	5	0	2	0	5	0	-	34	87	22	23	16
Sat	24/01	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	6	2	2	0	4	1	0	1	-	7	62	10	6	44JJ
Sat	31-01	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL														
Sun	01-02	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL														
Sat	07-02	A	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL														
Sun	08-02	A	Dundee Rockets	SCup	Semi Final 1st Leg 500pm													
Sat	14-02	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL														
Sat	21-02	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL														
Fri	27-02	H	Dundee Rockets	SCup														
Sat	28-02	A	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL														
Sun	01-03	A	Solway Sharks	SNL														
Sat	07-03	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	Sk	Sk	Ska	Sk										
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														
Sat	18/04		Play Off Semi Finals	SNL														
Sun	19/04		Play Off Final	SNL														

Legend: EXH, Challenge: S N L- Scottish National League; SC-Scottish Cup;



## Top 25 Points and Netminders Stats at 27th January as per SNL

Rank	#	Player	Team	GP	Gls	Asst	Pts	PiM	Averages per Game			
									Gls	Asst	Pts	PiM
1	16	John Dolan	Rockets	22	17	39	56	17	0.77	1.77	3.29	0.77
2	11	Deniss Kontseus	Rockets	24	18	37	55	4	0.75	1.54	4.23	0.17
3	17	<b>Joe Lynch</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	20	26	23	49	29	1.30	1.15	3.06	1.45
4	24	Harry Harley	Warriors	23	14	28	42	2	0.61	1.22	2.21	0.09
5	37	<b>Chad Smith</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	20	19	22	41	15	0.95	1.10	2.16	0.75
6	20	Phil Edgar	Warriors	21	19	19	38	23	0.90	0.90	2.24	1.10
7	29	Cameron Ware	Warriors	22	18	20	38	17	0.82	0.91	2.24	0.77
8	18	Dylan Murray	Wild	23	17	16	33	64	0.74	0.70	4.13	2.78
9	47	<b>Joel Gautschi</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	20	14	19	33	22	0.70	0.95	5.50	1.10
10	12	Rio Page	Rockets	22	19	12	31	17	0.86	0.55	1.94	0.77
11	57	Callum Queenan	Warriors	21	13	18	31	6	0.62	0.86	5.17	0.29
12	8	Jordan Leyden	Lynx	21	18	12	30	8	0.86	0.57	2.14	0.38
13	19	Sam McCluskey	Rockets	23	10	19	29	18	0.43	0.83	2.07	0.78
14	18	Allan Anderson	Kestrels	24	9	20	29	18	0.38	0.83	1.53	0.75
15	10	Conor Duncan	Lynx	24	16	12	28	21	0.67	0.50	2.15	0.88
16	16	<b>Conner McNulty</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	21	15	13	28	12	0.71	0.62	1.47	0.57
17	88	Craig Peacock	Pirates	20	15	13	28	2	0.75	0.65	2.00	0.10
18	43	Jack Henderson	Rockets	24	15	12	27	26	0.63	0.50	1.50	1.08
19	8	Martyn Simpson	Pirates	24	7	19	26	19	0.29	0.79	1.73	0.79
20	6	Joe Somerville	Kestrels	25	11	13	24	22	0.44	0.52	1.60	0.88
21	13	Kyle Ross	Warriors	11	9	15	24	8	0.82	1.36	1.60	0.73
22	97	Scott Jamieson	Kestrels	25	18	5	23	20	0.72	0.20	2.88	0.80
23	92	Lewis McIntosh	Rockets	24	14	9	23	14	0.58	0.38	1.44	0.58
24	94	Ben Richards	Warriors	21	12	11	23	14	0.57	0.52	1.53	0.67
25	19	Chris Wilson	Pirates	18	7	16	23	17	0.39	0.89	1.35	0.94

\* Note; Garry Simpson Pts for Paisley are GP 8 Gls 8 Asst 7 Pts 15 Pim 6

### Netminders based on Gls Agst Average. Courtesy SIH stats (Min 240 mins played)

Rank	#	Netminder	Team	GP	TOI MinSec	Shots Agst	Saves	Gls Agst	Save%	Gls Agt Ave	PiM	Game S/out
1	13	<b>Ciaran Hoggan</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	22	359.15	138	131	7	0.949	1.16	1	2
2	34	<b>Ben Keddie</b>	<b>Capitals</b>	22	970.39	482	453	29	0.939	1.91	4	0
3	33	Euan Simpson	Rockets	20	445.25	164	149	15	0.909	2.02	0	1
4	30	Thomas Brown	Warriors	21	1126.41	633	594	39	0.938	2.08	0	3
5	31	Dale Shearer	Rockets	22	999.15	452	412	40	0.912	2.41	0	0
6	39	Daniel McGowan	Pirates	19	1026.28	639	593	46	0.928	2.69	2	1
7	1	Andrew Little	Kestrels	16	961.22	568	523	45	0.921	2.81	16	0
8	39	Craig Holland	Kestrels	18	404.47	234	213	21	0.91	3.11	25	1
9	28	Rory Wood	Lynx	24	1182.47	758	681	77	0.898	3.91	2	0
10	55	Callum Donaghy	Pirates	21	469.30	248	216	32	0.871	4.09	0	1
11	31	Harry Campbell	Sharks	21	1161.25	926	843	83	0.91	4.29	0	0
29		Caiden MacColl	Wild	24	1145.00	1082	956	126	0.884	5.23	0	0

## SNL League Results and Fixtures

Saturday 17th January				Saturday 24th January			
Edinburgh Capitals	12	Kilmarnock Thunder	0	North Ayrshire Wild	2	Edinburgh Capitals	6
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	1	Dundee Rockets	4	Dundee Rockets	13	Kilmarnock Thunder	1
Aberdeen Lynx	4	Paisley Pirates	3	Solway Sharks	3	Aberdeen Lynx	5
Sunday 18th January				Sunday 25th January			
Whitley Warriors	7	North Ayrshire Wild	2	Whitley Warriors	11	Aberdeen Lynx	3
				Paisley Pirates	4	Dundee Rockets	3

### League Standings at 26th January

Pos	Team	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	GI Diff	Pts	Streak
1	<b>Edinburgh Capitals</b>	20	18	1	1	113	37	76	37	W5
2	Whitley Warriors	24	17	5	2	130	47	83	36	W4
3	Dundee Rockets	22	17	5	2	153	53	100	35	L1
4	Paisley Pirates	24	15	8	1	109	75	34	31	W1
5	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	23	12	8	3	89	66	23	27	L1
6	Aberdeen Lynx	22	11	11	0	89	81	8	22	L1
7	North Ayrshire Wild	23	5	17	1	60	124	-64	11	L5
8	Solway Sharks	22	5	17	0	50	98	-48	10	L5
9	Kilmarnock Thunder	20	0	20	0	33	245	-212	0	L20

*If teams are tied on points, positions are decided by head-to-head results then overall goal difference, then goals scored.*

### All SNL Fixtures — Results

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

## Current Players All Time Stats for Capitals by GP

#	Player	GP	Averages per Game							
			Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM
22	Aidan Paterson	128	9	40	49	93	0.07	0.31	0.38	0.73
37	Chad Smith	126	122	130	252	119	0.97	1.03	2.00	0.94
10	Sean Cochrane	122	46	83	129	39	0.38	0.68	1.06	0.32
17	Joe Lynch	120	83	56	139	121	0.69	0.47	1.16	1.01
47	Joel Gautschi	119	100	120	220	197	0.84	1.01	1.85	1.66
3	Dean Walker	114	3	20	23	41	0.03	0.18	0.20	0.36
9	Cameron Gallagher	100	4	10	14	59	0.04	0.10	0.14	0.59
18	Ben Coughtrie	86	3	27	30	74	0.03	0.31	0.35	0.86
12	Rhys Stenhouse	85	17	14	31	31	0.20	0.16	0.36	0.36
33	Scott Geddes	56	3	22	25	18	0.05	0.39	0.45	0.32
78	Rihards Grigors	55	15	42	57	47	0.27	0.76	1.04	0.85
5	James Isaacs	53	20	48	68	49	0.38	0.91	1.28	0.92
7	Cameron Wilkie	53	3	3	6	8	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.15
8	Adam Robinson	53	7	18	25	40	0.13	0.34	0.47	0.75
90	Kris Phillips	51	7	16	23	23	0.14	0.31	0.45	0.45
24	Kyle Howie	22	3	5	8	2	0.14	0.23	0.36	0.09
77	Scott McKay	21	2	4	6	41	0.10	0.19	0.29	1.95
16	Conner McNulty	20	26	20	46	27	1.30	1.00	2.30	1.35
27	Sean Stewart	19	4	11	15	26	0.21	0.58	0.79	1.37
50	Charlie McLaughlin-Hanna	18	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43	Justin Finnigan	17	1	2	3	43	0.06	0.12	0.18	2.53
26	Garry Simpson	4	5	3	8	2	1.25	0.75	2.00	0.50
4	Jonah Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#	Netminders	GP	Mins Pld	SOG	Saves	GA	Save%	GaAve	S Out	PiM
13	Ciaran Hoggan	72	1319.42	606	516	56	.911	2.54	1	4
34	Ben Keddie	22	970.39	508	477	31	.940	1.91	4	0

## Current Players All Time Top 10 by Points

#	Player	GP	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM	Gls	Asts	Pts	PiM
1	37 Chad Smith	126	122	130	252	119	0.97	1.03	2.00	0.94
2	47 Joel Gautschi	119	100	120	220	197	0.84	1.01	1.85	1.66
3	17 Joe Lynch	120	83	56	139	121	0.69	0.47	1.16	1.01
4	10 Sean Cochrane	122	46	83	129	39	0.38	0.68	1.06	0.32
5	5 James Isaacs	53	20	48	68	49	0.38	0.91	1.28	0.92
6	78 Rihards Grigors	55	15	42	57	47	0.27	0.76	1.04	0.85
7	22 Aidan Paterson	128	9	40	49	93	0.07	0.31	0.38	0.73
8	16 Conner McNulty	20	26	20	46	27	1.30	1.00	2.30	1.35
9	12 Rhys Stenhouse	85	17	14	31	31	0.20	0.16	0.36	0.36
10	18 Ben Coughtrie	86	3	27	30	74	0.03	0.31	0.35	0.86



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.

Any additional questions, please contact Scott Neil at [scottcapitals@gmail.com](mailto:scottcapitals@gmail.com)

## IIHF European Cup of Nations

Tickets are now on sale for next weekends IIHF European Cup of Nations being held at the Murrayfield Ice Arena in Edinburgh.

Great Britain will host Poland, Slovenia and from Ukraine Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th February at this famous old ice rink.

Individual day tickets – covering two matches – cost just £20 for adults and £12 for concessions and children under-16s

Thursday 5th February	Friday 6th February	Saturday 7th February
Poland v Slovenia 14:00	Ukraine v Poland 14:00	Slovenia v Ukraine 14:00
Great Britain v Ukraine 18:30	Great Britain v Slovenia 18:30	Great Britain v Poland 18:30



## For new fans

**Icing** : Icing is an infraction that occurs when a player shoots, bats, or deflects the puck from their own half (over the center red line) of the ice, beyond the opposing team's goal line, without scoring a goal.

**Offside** : A play is **offside** if a player on the attacking team is not in control of the puck and is in the attacking or offensive zone when a different attacking player causes the puck to enter the offensive zone, until either the puck or all attacking players leave the offensive zone. Simply put, for a play to not be offside, the puck must enter the attacking zone before attacking players, and the offensive team cannot play the puck when offside. The position of the players skates is the determining factor and not any part of his body.

An exception is if a player is skating backwards and in full control of the puck he is not offside. This is very rarely called by officials as it can be difficult to determine if the player has full control of the puck.

**Shot on Goal** : A **shot on goal** is a shot that directs the puck towards the net and either goes into the net for a goal or is stopped by the goaltender for a save or stopped by another player.

Shots that sail wide or high of the net, and shots that hit the goalpost or crossbar but do not enter the net, are not counted as shots on goal.

## MoM and Lion of the Match v Thunder



Four goal Conner was MoM with Calum & Danielle Pugalis, Rob Williamson and Steven Speight presenting the award.

## Do You Want to Play?

Murrayfield Juniors are looking to welcome kids into learn the sport, particularly those born between 2015 & 2020. please contact us to book your place.

Learn to Play sessions will teach players to combine such skills as skating, stick handling and shooting.

Equipment can be provided but we do ask that the kids have their own skates.

Sessions will run on Monday evenings 5.45pm-6.45pm at Murrayfield Ice Arena.

For more details please contact us at the following email address:

[mjihc.register@gmail.com](mailto:mjihc.register@gmail.com)



'Titch' Was voted Lion of the Match after posting a well deserved shut out. His first for the Capitals

## Stats from the Thunder and Wild games

Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	16	10	5	9:02	=
2	47	8	10	9:31	PP
3	17	19	43	10:40	=
4	90	24	27	14:54	PP
5	90	24	-	19:38	=
6	16	33	10	22:15	=
7	24	90	-	33:38	SH
8	16	-	-	42:24	=
9	10	22	16	47:33	PP
10	17	77	-	54:54	=
11	16	5	-	57:01	=
12	7	47	17	58:07	=

Capitals Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
77	Unsport Conduct	22:51	2:00
B	Too Many Men (Served 50)	26:01	2:00
17	Boarding	28:38	2:00
77	Roughing	28:38	2:00
8	Roughing	46:30	2:00
26	Hooking	52:15	5:00
19	Fighting	55:40	2:00
19	Roughing	55:40	2:00

Shots on#13 Ciaran Hoggan: 8+5+21=34

Did not play: 25, 37, 68, 78, 88. Add #5

Thunder Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1					

Thunder Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
14	Delay of Game	9:18	2:00
5	Delay of Game	13:52	2:00
34	Interference	24:34	2:00
61	Roughing	28:38	2:00
10	Tripping	38:52	2:00
12	Elbowing	46:50	2:00
14	Roughing	46:50	2:00
12	Hooking	49:19	2:00
61	Fighting	55:40	5:00
61	Roughing	55:40	2:00

Shots on # Thomas Mangan: 27+32 = 59 (Off at 40:00)

# Aaron Forsyth: (On at 40:00) 22 = 22

Referee: C. Connor Lines: J. Middleton & J. Wilson .

Attendance, 2,250

Wild Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	17	88	20	39:24	PP
2	20	-	-	47:29	=

Wild Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
12	Tripping	6:09	2:00
88	Charging	47:29	2:00
93	Roughing	49:33	2:00

Shots on Goal; Caiden MacColl: 26+20+16 = 62

Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	37	33	17	10:30	=
2	17	47	22	19:41	=
3	37	17	-	20:42	=
4	37	-	-	31:31	SH
5	44	47	17	34:46	=
6	26	8	16	39:47	=

Capitals Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
78	Tripping	17:13	2:00
26	Roughing	31:24	2:00
33	Hooking	38:37	2:00
17	Roughing	49:33	2:00
8	Unsport Conduct	49:33	2:00

Did not play: 5, 9, 10, 25, 68, 88

Addition: # 44 Jonah Johnson

Shots on Goal; # 13 Ciaran Hogan: 0+5+2 =7

Referee: R Elliot

Lines: M Alexander and J Gibson



It was a fine debut for 15 year old Jonah with a goal and picking up both MoM and Lion of the Game awards.



## 1st season Capitals Players pre Capitals Statistics

### #26 Garry Simpson

Born Kirkcaldy: . Age: 25. Height: 6' 3" 191cm Weight 168 lbs 76kg

Season	Team	League	GP	Gls	Ast	Pts	PiM
2009-10	Scotland U11	EIHA Conf. U11	4	1	0	1	4
2010-11	Scotland U11	EIHA Conf. U11	4	6	0	6	6
2011-12	Scotland U13	EIHA Conf. U13	4	2	0	2	8
2012-13	Scotland U13	EIHA Conf. U13	4	3	0	3	15
2013-14	Scotland U15	EIHA Conf. U15	4	0	1	1	4
2014-15	Scotland U15	EIHA Conf. U15	4	3	1	4	29
2015-16	Scotland U17	EIHA Conf. U17	4	1	1	2	0
2016-17	Scotland U17"A"	EIHA Conf. U17	4	2	0	2	2
	Scotland U19	ENG vs SCO U19	1	0	0	0	0
2017-18	Scotland U19	ENG vs SCO U19	1	0	0	0	0
2018-19	Scotland U19"A"	ENG vs SCO U19	1	0	0	0	2
2019-20	Dundee Comets	NIHL 1 North Cup	8	3	3	6	6
	Murrayfield Racers SNL	NIHL 1 North Cup	12	19	13	32	36
	Murrayfield Racers SNL	Playoffs	4	3	2	5	2
2021-22	Dundee Comets	NIHL 1 North Cup	5	0	1	1	4
2022-23	Bees IHCLoan	NIHL Cup	1	0	0	0	0
2023-24	Paisley Pirates	SNL Cup	2	1	1	2	0
2024-25	Deeside Dragons	NIHL 1 North Cup	2	0	1	1	5
2025-26	Paisley Pirates	SNL	6	6	7	13	4
2025-26	Paisley Pirates	S Cup	1	1	0	1	2



## Who Invented the Slapshot in Hockey ?

The slap shot is one of the most powerful and exciting shots in hockey, but who invented it? The answer is not clear-cut as many players are credited with its creation.

One popular theory credits Bobby Hull, a former NHL player known for his explosive shot. He was renowned for using a unique technique where he lifted his stick high before bringing it down hard on the ice to create extra momentum behind the puck.

But some hockey historians argue that others, like Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion, had been practicing similar techniques even earlier than Hull. As early as 1951, there were reports of players taking wind-up type shots before hitting the puck 'as though they were driving nails into a board'.

No matter who actually created this iconic move, there's no denying its impact on modern-day hockey. It has become one of the hardest and most challenging moves to defend against and can lead to some truly breathtaking goals.

The earliest hockey sticks were made from wood, often straight branches cut from trees. These sticks had no curvature or 'bend', which meant that when players tried to shoot the puck, they had very little control over where it went. This was not ideal and led to attempts at modifying the shape of the stick to make shooting easier and less unpredictable. In the 1960s curved blade sticks came into existence which allowed players to lift their shots off the ice more easily, thus increasing scoring opportunities. The curve also offered better control when passing and receiving passes as well. Various materials such as aluminum and composite carbon fiber have now replaced wood making them much lighter than before providing greater speed and manoeuvrability.

Players began experimenting with new techniques like wrist shot, snap shot, backhand wraparound, one-timing etc. , but the slapshot quickly became a game-changer. Bobby Hull popularized this technique by pioneering it

during his almost two-decade long NHL career beginning in late-1950s finishing amongst leading goal-scorers every year till early-1970s setting league records throughout his tenure. In conclusion we can say evolution of the modern-day hockey stick took place due to various reasons including ever-changing rules & regulations of game apart from advancements in technology aimed towards improving performance factors all around.

When curved blades first hit the scene, some people were skeptical about their effectiveness. But over time, players began to experiment with different curves and lengths until they found something that worked for them. The result was a new kind of shot that could generate more speed and power than ever before.

Today, virtually every hockey player uses some degree of curve on their stick blade when taking shots. And while we may never know exactly who deserves credit for inventing the slap shot, it's clear that curved blades were an important factor in its creation and evolution.

Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion was a professional ice hockey player from Canada who played for Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers. He is known as the father of the modern-day slapshot, which revolutionized the game of hockey.

The slap shot involves hitting the puck with great force by combining all your body weight along with a quick release. Before this technique was used, players would hit the puck using wrist shots or backhands to score goals.

Geoffrion's powerful shots made him one of the top scorers in NHL history and ended up winning four Stanley Cups with his team. His famous curved stick design changed how people viewed sticks altogether. This style allowed players to put more speed behind their shots that were previously not possible without breaking your stick.



## What is Cross Checking In Ice Hockey?

Cross checking involves using your stick horizontally to push or hit an opposing player. This move is highly dangerous as it puts the targeted player at risk of injury, especially if the hit occurs near the boards or in front of the net.

In ice hockey, players are allowed to use their sticks for various things, including passing, shooting, and blocking opponents' shots. But the rules prohibit them from using their sticks to intentionally strike or impair an opposition player. Cross checking is one example of this prohibited behaviour.

To cross-check, a player will hold his stick with both hands and drive the shaft into an opposing player's body, often the back. This move can disorient and injure other players, especially those who are not prepared or do not have padding. The severity of the infraction depends on the force used for the cross-checking action, whether it resulted in injury to the affected player, and the motives behind the acts.

In general, a player might choose to cross-check for several reasons. It may serve as an intimidation tactic, either to discourage an opposing player or team from challenging them physically or trying to score against them later in the game. A player with good technique in cross-checking may also find that it helps them create space between themselves and others effectively.

Cross-checking also occurs when players become frustrated or angry during a game. A particularly aggressive or dirty hit from an opposing player could lead some athletes to lash out, even if doing so could harm their own team by taking them off the rink for two minutes. This type of retaliation can happen frequently during games, leading to penalties and even suspensions for players who cannot control their emotions.

While cross checking is dangerous and not permitted in the sport of hockey, some level of physicality is still important. Players need to be able to take hits, push against each other, and assert themselves during games. The ability to use one's body, including the stick, to block opponents' shots or make breakaways can also be crucial for

offence or defence.

That being said, cross-checking should never be used as a way to harm or injure an opposing player deliberately. Good coaches and players understand that keeping it clean on the ice is essential, both for safety and sportsmanship reasons.

Cross-checking poses various risks to those involved in playing ice hockey. First and foremost, it can cause injuries to any person struck by improper overhead motion. It increases the odds of getting whacked in sensitive areas like the back, spine, kidney, neck, shoulder, etc., reducing comfort, mobility, and explosiveness. In minors or emerging athletes particularly, these types of aggressive actions could stifle development and dull their passion for the game at a young age, making them more prone to giving up hockey over time.

While there are plenty of penalties in hockey that result from accidents or careless mistakes, cross checking often requires more intent. It's a deliberate action taken by a player to push their opponent out of the way or knock them down entirely. This intentionality makes cross checking stand apart from other penalties, which are typically accidental or less forceful in nature.

A minor penalty of two minutes is given when a player pushes down forcefully using their stick. However, this act becomes even more harmful when it happens consecutively or the secondary impact of the event causes the targeted player to crash into the boards.

Finally, the severity of cross checking penalties also sets it apart from other infractions. In most cases, cross checking results in a two-minute minor penalty. However, if the act was particularly violent or caused injury, the offending player may receive a major penalty, resulting in five minutes in the box and potentially even a game misconduct.

The leagues take cross-checking seriously since it is considered a hazardous action whenever practiced recklessly. Thus, the referees exercise discretion when calling such fouls. If done as an accident or in defence, there may not be any significant assessments.

## The Weird and Wonderful NHL

**Number 99** is banned in the NHL because it was retired league-wide in 2000 to honor Wayne Gretzky, widely considered the greatest hockey player ever, making it a unique tribute reserved for "The Great One" and off-limits to any other player in the league. This unprecedented move mirrors baseball's retirement of Jackie Robinson's number 42 and signifies Gretzky's unparalleled impact on the sport.

### What is rule 46 in hockey?

In the current NHL rulebook, the archaic reference to "fisticuffs" has been removed; **fighting is now governed under Rule 46 in the NHL rulebook**. Referees are given considerable latitude in determining what exactly constitutes a fight and what penalties are applicable to the participants.

### Why is 69 banned in hockey?

The NHL once banned a jersey number. Yes, the league decided some numbers shouldn't appear on the ice and one of them was sixty-nine. Only two players in NHL history ever wore it but the league quietly pushed teams to stop using it. **Too much questionable humour attached.**

### Who is considered the worst hockey player of all time?

William Robert Mikkelson (born May 21, 1948) is a Canadian former professional ice hockey defenceman who played in the National Hockey League from 1971 to 1977. Mikkelson is known for posting the worst plus/minus rating in single-season NHL history at -82 for the Washington Capitals in 1974-75.

### What is a tragic number in hockey?

It could also be referred to as the "clinch number". Teams other than the front-running team have what is called an elimination number (or "tragic number") (often abbreviated E#). This number **represents the number of**

**wins by the leading team or losses by the trailing team which will eliminate the trailing team.**

### What is the Martin Brodeur rule?

Brodeur's prowess at puck handling was so well known that it led in part to the NHL changing its rules to **restrict where goaltenders were allowed to handle the puck outside of the goal crease**, adding what is known as "the Brodeur rule".

### What is the trapezoid rule in hockey?

The trapezoid rule states that **goalies are only allowed to play the puck behind the goal line within a designated trapezoidal area that extends from the goal crease**. If a goalie plays the puck outside of this area behind the net, they receive a two-minute minor penalty for delay of game.

### What is the craziest comeback in NHL history?

The L A Kings completed the largest comeback in NHL playoff history, going from being down 5-0 to win the game in overtime, 6-5. Combined with upset wins in Games 1 and 5, the Kings eliminated the heavily favoured Edmonton Oilers to reach the second round.

### Who is the most suspended player in NHL history?

With his eighth suspension, Brad Marchand officially passed Chris Pronger for the most individual suspensions in NHL history. In 2021-22 season, he was suspended a total of nine games in that season alone, and became the most suspended player in NHL history, in terms of individual suspensions Marchand will have been suspended for a total of 28 games and lost over \$1.4 million of salary during his 13-year career in the NHL. He played in 1073 games and had 1116 penalty minutes up until 2022-23. These figures cover 2009-2022





# 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				:	
4	Johan Johnson	D		5				:	
7	Cameron Wilkie	D		6				:	
8	Adam Robinson	RW		7				:	
9	Cammy Gallagher	C/W		8				:	
10	Sean Cochrane	F	'A'	9				:	
16	Conner McNulty	C		10				:	
				Capitals Penalties					
#	Player	Pos		#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins		
17	Joe Lynch	F	'A'						
18	Ben Coughtrie	D							
19	Rhys Stenhouse	D							
22	Aiden Paterson	D	'A'						
24	Kyle Howie	F							
26	Garry Simpson	F							
27	Sean Stewart	D							
33	Scott Geddes	D							
37	Chad Smith	LW/RW							
43	Justin Finnigan	F							
44	Jonah Johnson	D							
47	Joel Gautschi	C	'C'						
50	Charlie McLaughlin-Hanna	D							
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.

#	Netminder	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total	Time Out	Period Scores
13	Ciaran Hoggan	:						Capitals	Capitals
34	Ben Keddie	:						:	Pirates
88	Jonnie Livingstone	:							

Referee: \_\_\_\_\_ Linespersons: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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# PAISLEY PIRATES

Colours: Black, Red.

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

Head Coach: Ian Turley. Manager: Ian Turley Snr. Kit: \_\_\_\_\_

#	Netminder	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total	Time Out	Period Scores
39	Daniel McGowan	:						Pirates	Capitals
55	Callum Donaghy	:						:	Pirates

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