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One of the few crumbs of comfort at Dundee . Pic by Ian Coyle

Current Capitals Team 2022-2026 Points Statistics

#	NAME	GP	Averages per Game							
			Gls	Ast	TPts	PIMS	Gls	Ast	TPts	PIMS
37	Chad Smith	138	136	140	276	123	0.99	1.01	2.00	0.89
47	Joel Gautschi	132	107	140	247	189	0.81	1.06	1.87	1.43
17	Joe Lynch	139	132	92	224	142	0.95	0.66	1.61	1.02
10	Sean Cochrane	138	55	86	141	37	0.40	0.62	1.02	0.27
78	Rihards Grigors	58	19	50	69	55	0.33	0.86	1.19	0.95
5	James Isaacs	53	20	48	68	89	0.38	0.91	1.28	1.68
22	Aiden Paterson	141	12	51	63	97	0.09	0.36	0.45	0.69
33	Scott Geddes	108	8	40	48	34	0.07	0.37	0.44	0.31
16	Conner McNulty	29	20	21	41	16	0.69	0.72	1.41	0.55
90	Kris Phillips	65	9	24	33	29	0.14	0.37	0.51	0.45
27	Sean Stewart	32	11	21	32	32	0.34	0.66	1.00	1.00
8	Adam Robinson	61	10	22	32	46	0.16	0.36	0.52	0.75
18	Ben Coughtrie	92	2	29	31	150	0.02	0.32	0.34	1.63
3	Dean Walker	128	3	21	25	42	0.02	0.16	0.20	0.33
26	Garry Simpson	14	13	9	22	10	0.93	0.64	1.57	0.71
9	Cammy Gallagher	114	5	13	18	80	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.70
24	Kyle Howie	35	7	7	14	4	0.20	0.20	0.40	0.11
77	Scott McKay	33	3	11	14	72	0.09	0.33	0.42	2.18
7	Cameron Wilkie	65	4	6	10	10	0.06	0.09	0.15	0.15
19	Rhys Stenhouse	97	4	6	10	49	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.51
43	Justin Finnigan	30	2	2	4	43	0.07	0.07	0.13	1.43
4	Jonah Johnson	8	1	2	3	6	0.13	0.25	0.38	0.75
13	Ciaran Hoggan	83	0	3	3	4	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.05
34	Ben Keddie	35	0	1	1	0	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00
50	Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna	22	0	0	0	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.18
	Netminders	GP	MINS	SOG	Svs	GA	SVE%	GAAv	PIM	SO
34	Ben Keddie	36	1588.57	824	776	48	.942	1.81	0	7
13	Ciaran Hoggan	34	419.15	163	153	10	.940	1.43	2	1
88	Jonnie Livingstone	3	44.34	16	13	3	.812	4.05	0	0

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Northern League Champions 2023-24

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SNL Runners-up 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25

Scottish National League Winners 2025-26

After a blip against Paisley the previous evening the Capitals crossed the border and like ram-paging warriors (pardon the pun) they forgot the events of the Saturday night and totally dominated against the Whitley Warriors to secure the Scottish National League Championship title with a 8-1 win. That may have been just one game but the guys have given everything during the season and fully deserved the reward.

I think most of the travelling fans went down with apprehension but any fears they had were gone by the end of the second period with the Capitals leading by five goals to nil. A further three goals in the final period was the icing on the cake.

We had a huge 2,850 attendance for the Paisley game with the majority hoping to see the title wrapped up, but Paisley had other ideas and put the Capitals title challenge on hold. They had a netminder having possibly his best ever performance and this gave them a platform to build on.

Sadly we couldn't finish on a high and a defeat at Dundee wasn't the way we wanted to end the league season. I'll just leave it at that and put it to bed.

Tonight we start the next stage of our incredible journey against North Ayrshire Wild in the play-off quarter final. The 2nd leg of this tie will be played here, on Sunday April 12th with a 5:30 face-off, as Wild cannot get ice time in Auchenhavrie.

I'm sure you will all give the Capitals players and staff a huge welcome tonight as they take to the ice. Boy do they deserve it.

As this is our last home game of the season I would like to thank Capitals media guru Mark Easton, club photographers Ian Coyle and Mark Brown for their excellent pictures each week. I want to thank 'JulieP' for her excellent Capitals stats and to team manager Jim Paterson for his assistance with game sheet details.

To the team and officials Thank You for a great 2025-26 season so far with hopefully more to come.

It may be our final home game of the season but there are still a couple of events to come here at the Arena. We have the NHL Alumni from the USA & Canada competing in a three game series on the 22nd, 25th and 26th of this month when ex NHL players will be competing for the Scottish Ice Hockey Cup.

Then on May 9th we are hosting the 'The Gathering' where ex-players, officials and fans can meet up and reminisce about hockey in years gone by. Hopefully we will see you at the Cup Final next Saturday and the Play-Off weekend should we qualify.

Enjoy your summer and we'll see you in the Autumn as we do it all again.

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Jim Paterson's Season Review.



Champions

Looking back on the season to date, what really sticks in my mind is the commitment of this group of players, they give up their time, their time with loved ones and often work commitments to play and train.

This year more than any of the preceding three, there was something in the air, right from the beginning of the season, when we managed to get the signatures of several new players to bolster the strong core we have had for the previous years.

Ben Keddie, Kyle Howie, Conor McNulty, Scott McKay and Sean Stewart came on and almost immediately fitted into the room, they bought into what Steven was asking them to do and performed.

We managed to add a few more players at key times during the season and Garry Simpson and young Jonah Johnson slotted in just fine with both scoring on their debuts for the club.

It is also encouraging to see young players make the step up from the Murrayfield Juniors set up and ice for the Capitals, Justin, Charlie and Jonnie have done your families and your club proud, keep up the hard work!

No article on the season can fail to mention the amazing support we have had this year, crowds not seen at Murrayfield for many a year. The crowds have been load and proud and carried the boys over the line on more than one occasion.

Not only have our crowds at home been amazing, our hard core fans travel to every game and we often outnumber the home fans.

So as we celebrate lifting the trophy please remember it is for you we do this, its only fair we lift the cham-

pionship trophy aloft on front of our passionate support.

Special thanks should also go the Neil & Robertson families for their continuous support and to the vast team of helpers and volunteers at the club.

Steven Lynch lives and breathes ice hockey and his commitment throughout the season must be acknowledged and no one deserves success more than him.

Our off ice staff are also the best in the country, John, Mark, Rob, Blaine, McKenzie and Julie our statistician, provide invaluable support week in week out to the team and management.

The season isn't finished, one trophy in the bag, bit still two to play for, we are in as good a position as anyone to lift one or both of those, and nothing would make us happier than to lift them with our amazing support behind us.

It has been a few seasons coming but no one who was there, will forget that night in Whitley Bay when the guys won 8-1 away from home against a top team in a tough rink to clinch the championship.

And as always the support was amazing, giving the players a guard of honour as they left Hillheads. Let's go forward Capitals, let's finish the season strong and let's build for next season, it'll be here before we know it.

Jim Paterson,
Team Manager

Note: Jim will be doing a monthly update for the handout next Season.

Capitals Fixtures and Results 2025-26

Day	Date	H A	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									
Sat	13/09	H	Solway Sharks	SNL	4	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	-	18	58	8	10	34BK	
Sat	27/09	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	6	5p	1	1	2	2	2	2	0-0	46	37	10	5	17JL	
Sun	28/09	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	5	3	0	1	5	0	0	2	-	38	41	48	39	78RG	
Sat	04/10	H	Paisley Pirates	SNL	4	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	-	34	39	6	6	10SC	
Sat	11/10	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	3	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	-	23	31	8	18	37CS	
Sat	18/10	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	39	29	10	10	34BK	
Sat	25/10	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	-	25	28	22	40	27SS	
Sun	26/10	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL	5	4ot	4	1	0	1	0	2	1-0	51	30	12	8	17JL	
Sat	01/11	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	6	2	2	0	2	1	2	1	-	32	52	26	18	43JF	
Sun	02/11	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	6	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	-	29	40	15	17	16CMc	
Sat	08/11	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	6	2	1	0	2	2	3	0	-	26	46	6	8	78RH	
Sun	16/11	A	Solway Sharks	SNL	5	2	1	0	2	0	2	2	-	27	65	9	6	37CS	
Sat	22/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SCup	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	14	38	11	13	34BK	
Sat	29/11	A	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	2	3ot	2	1	0	0	0	0	0-1	35	35	26	38	17JL	
Sun	30/11	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	12	1	3	0	5	0	4	1	-	21	35	12	16	77SM	
Sat	13/12	H	Whitley Warriors	SNL	5	4ot	0	1	3	1	1	2	1-0	23	50	13	17	37CS	
Sat	27/12	H	Dundee Rockets	SNL	3	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	41	32	15	21	17JL	
Wed	31/12	H	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	-	32	69	45	19	5JI	
Sat	03/01	H	Solway Sharks	SNL	10	1	3	0	3	1	4	0	-	17	56	4	12	26GS	
Sat	10/01	A	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	8	1	5	0	2	0	1	1	-	32	64	12	14	34BK	
Sat	17/01	H	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL	12	0	5	0	2	0	5	0	-	34	87	22	23	16CMc	
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	6	2	0	1	0	1	5	1	-	24	34	10	14	17JL	
Sun	01-02	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL	1	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	-	47	31	23	25	78RH	
Sat	07-02	A	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL	13	2	3	0	4	2	6	0	-	76	27	24	4	24KH	
Sun	08-02	A	Dundee Rockets	SCup1	5	6	3	2	0	2	2	2	-	38	37	10	18	17JL	
Sat	14-02	A	North Ayrshire Wild	SNL	9	0	4	0	2	0	3	0	-	20	52	26	18	37CS	
Sun	15-02	H	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL	9	3	3	0	3	2	3	1	-	14	60	2	8	43JF	
Sat	21-02	H	Aberdeen Lynx	SNL	5	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	-	22	39	10	12	47JG	
Fri	27-02	H	Dundee Rockets	SCup2	3	1ot	1	1	0	0	1	0	1-0	34	36	12	8	17JL	
Sat	28-02	A	Kilmamock Thunder	SNL	17	2	6	1	9	0	2	1	-	25	69	2	32	24KH	
Sun	01-03	A	Solway Sharks	SNL	8	1	2	0	3	0	3	1	-	26	56	12	6	17JL	
Sat	07-03	H	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	SNL	5	1	2	0	1	0	2	1	-	31	38	12	14	17JL	
Sat	21-03	A	Paisley Pirates	SNL	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	19	38	2	8	37CS	
Sun	22-03	A	Whitley Warriors	SNL	8	1	2	0	3	0	3	1	-	34	44	16	16	16CM	
Sun	29-03	A	Dundee Rockets	SNL	4	10	2	2	1	3	1	5	-	43	46	22	29	17JL	
Sat	04-04	H	North Ayrshire Wild	PO1/4															
Sat	11-04	N	Whitley Warriors	S Cup	Scottish Cup Final @Kirkcaldy														
Sun	12-04	A	North Ayrshire Wild	PO1/4	To be played ay Murrayfield FO 5:30														
TBA	??-04		Play Off semi Finals Dundee Ice Arena																
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Legend: S N L- Scottish National League: SCup-Scottish Cup: PO - Play Off



Top 25 Points and Netminders Stats at 4th March as per SIH

League Games Only									Averages per Game			
#	Player	Team	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	Gls	Asst	Pts	PIM	
1	11	Deniss Kontseus	Rockets	32	27	56	83	4	0.84	1.75	2.59	0.13
2	17	Joe Lynch	Capitals	30	44	38	82	43	1.47	1.27	2.73	1.43
3	16	John Dolan	Rockets	29	18	55	73	21	0.62	1.90	2.52	0.72
4	37	Chad Smith	Capitals	29	31	33	64	17	1.07	1.14	2.21	0.59
5	18	Sean Beattie	Rockets	29	33	27	60	18	1.14	0.93	2.07	0.62
6	20	Phil Edgar	Warriors	28	28	29	57	29	1.00	1.04	2.04	1.04
7	12	Rio Page	Rockets	31	31	23	54	21	1.00	0.74	1.74	0.68
8	24	Harry Harley	Warriors	29	17	35	52	2	0.59	1.21	1.79	0.07
9	47	Joel Gautschi	Capitals	30	17	32	49	34	0.57	1.07	1.63	1.13
10	29	Cameron Ware	Warriors	29	20	24	44	19	0.69	0.83	1.52	0.66
11	88	Craig Peacock	Pirates	27	23	20	43	8	0.85	0.74	1.59	0.30
12	8	Martyn Simpson	Pirates	31	15	27	42	25	0.48	0.87	1.35	0.81
13	18	Dylan Murray	Wild	29	21	21	42	111	0.72	0.72	1.45	3.83
14	10	Conor Duncan	Lynx	32	17	22	39	23	0.53	0.69	1.22	0.72
15	57	Callum Queenan	Warriors	27	17	22	39	8	0.63	0.81	1.44	0.30
16	8	Jordan Leyden	Lynx	25	21	17	38	8	0.84	0.68	1.52	0.32
17	19	Sam McCluskey	Rockets	31	12	26	38	24	0.39	0.84	1.23	0.77
18	26	Garry Simpson	Capitals	22	20	18	38	12	0.91	0.82	1.73	0.55
19	57	Jaydn Baxter	Lynx	32	19	16	35	28	0.59	0.50	1.09	0.88
20	16	Conner McNulty	Capitals	29	17	17	34	18	0.59	0.59	1.17	0.62
21	6	Joe Somerville	Falcons	31	14	19	33	28	0.45	0.61	1.06	0.90
22	10	Sean Cochrane	Capitals	30	20	11	31	8	0.67	0.37	1.03	0.27
23	96	Michael Ireland	Rockets	31	11	19	30	35	0.35	0.61	0.97	1.13
24	94	Ben Richards	Warriors	27	18	11	29	14	0.67	0.41	1.07	0.52
25	82	Lewis McIntosh	Rockets	31	17	12	29	16	0.67	0.41	1.07	0.52

* 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 300 mins played)

Rank	#	Netminder	Team	GP	TOI	SA	SV	GA	SV%	GAA	PIM	SO
1	34	Ben Keddie	Capitals	27	1469.09	744	703	41	0.945	1.67	0	6
2	33	Euan Simpson	Rockets	24	745.25	291	265	26	0.911	2.09	0	2
3	30	Thomas Brown	Warriors	27	1488.49	841	782	59	0.93	2.38	0	4
4	31	Dale Shearer	Rockets	25	1179.15	544	494	50	0.908	2.54	0	0
5	13	Ciaran Hoggan	Capitals	19	419.15	174	156	18	0.897	2.58	2	1
6	39	Daniel McGowan	Pirates	24	1321.24	814	756	58	0.929	2.63	2	3
7	31	Craig Holland	Kestrels	20	584.47	306	279	27	0.912	2.77	25	1
8	1	Andrew Little	Kestrels	19	1160.03	668	615	53	0.921	2.79	16	1
9	55	Callum Donaghy	Pirates	23	592.03	311	275	36	0.884	3.65	0	0
10	28	Rory Wood	Lynx	32	1674.2	1043	935	108	0.896	3.87	0	0
11	31	Harry Campbell	Sharks	29	1566.19	1296	1170	126	0.903	4.83	0	0
12	29	Caiden MacColl	Wild	31	1874.30	1458	1281	177	0.879	5.70	0	0



S N L League Results and Fixtures

Saturday 21st March				Saturday 28th March			
Edinburgh Capitals	0	Paisley Pirates	1	Aberdeen Lynx	5	North Ayrshire Wild	1
Dundee Rockets	5	Aberdeen Lynx	2	Kilmarnock Thunder	2	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	12
				Dundee Rockets	6	Solway Sharks	0
Sunday 22nd March				Sunday 29th March			
Whitley Warriors	1	Edinburgh Capitals	8	Dundee Rockets	10	Edinburgh Capitals	4
Solway Sharks	0	Dundee Rockets	10				

Final League Standings

Pos	Team	GP	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	GI Diff	Pts	Streak
1	Edinburgh Capitals	32	27	4	1	198	63	135	55	L1
2	Dundee Rockets	32	26	5	1	225	76	149	53	W7
3	Whitley Warriors	32	23	7	2	169	73	96	48	L1
4	Paisley Pirates	32	21	9	2	148	95	53	44	W3
5	Kirkcaldy Kestrels	32	17	12	3	133	90	43	37	W1
6	Aberdeen Lynx	32	17	15	0	147	119	24	34	W1
7	Solway Sharks	32	7	25	0	76	159	-83	14	L5
8	North Ayrshire Wild	32	6	25	1	76	184	-108	13	L1
9	Kilmarnock Thunder	32	0	32	0	66	379	-313	0	L32

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

All S N L 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 8-2	1-2 3-2	9-2 5-1	4-3 3-7	5-3 8-2	3-6 4-2
Dundee Rockets	4-2 5-2		4-5ot 10-4	18-1 13-1	6-1 5-1	14-1 9-1	8-2 8-1	6-0 6-0	3-2 5-4
Edinburgh Capitals	2-0 5-0	4-2 3-4		12-0 9-3	6-5ps 5-1	12-1 5-0	4-1 6-2	4-1 10-01	3-1 5-4ot
Kilmarnock Thunder	4-12 4-16	3-17 4-13	2-13 2-17		1-6 2-12	3-12 2-3	3-9 1-18	5-8 3-6	2-20 5-16
Kirkcaldy Kestrels	5-3 5-0	4-5ot 1-4	3-5 3-2ot	18-0 11-1		6-2 4-2	1-3 11-4	5-0 2-1	1-2 2-1
N Ayrshire Wild	1-2ps 2-4	2-8 4-14	2-6 0-9	8-1 5-2	3-5 1-7		2-5 3-8	2-3 8-5	0-3 2-5
Paisley Pirates	3-4 6-5	3-2 4-3	0-6 1-0	8-0 7-1	6-1 4-2	5-2 6-0		4-0 8-3	3-4ot 4-3
Solway Sharks	2-5 3-5	1-6 0-10	2-5 1-8	6-2 11-3	4-5 2-7	4-1 2-3	0-6 2-4		2-1 0-3
Whitley Warriors	3-0 11-3	5-6ot 6-2	3-1 1-8	15-2 9-0	3-2ot 3-2	5-2 7-0	7-2 5-2	7-0 3-1	



Capitals Deliver When It Matters to Clinch SNL Title

Edinburgh Capitals sealed the Scottish National League title in a weekend that had just about everything — twists, pressure, and a second chance that had to be taken. They have been the team to beat all season. From the opening weeks, Capitals set the pace and rarely let it slip, losing just twice in regulation and once in overtime heading into the weekend. It's been a long battle at the top with **Dundee Rockets** and Whitley Warriors pushing throughout.

Going into the weekend, the equation was clear. One point would be enough to clinch it, or a loss for Rockets would do the job.

It looked set up for Saturday. Capitals faced **Paisley Pirates** — a side they had handled all season — and although it was officially an away fixture, the game was played at Murrayfield, giving Capitals the chance to get it done on their own ice. Pirates had other plans.

They matched Capitals and went toe to toe from the outset. Chances came, but nothing went in. Daniel McGowan turned them aside and the longer it stayed scoreless, the more it mattered.

Midway through the second, Pirates found the breakthrough. Marty Simpson struck, and it proved enough. Capitals pushed for a response but couldn't find it, with Pirates holding on for a 1–0 win.

Speaking after the weekend, Edinburgh Capitals head coach Steven Lynch reflected on the missed opportunity on Saturday.

"It's really disappointing we didn't manage to get it done at home on Saturday night in front of our own fans," said Lynch. "I thought the game against Paisley was one of those nights that comes around once a season — where you do everything right but just can't put the puck in the net.

"We limited Paisley to 19 shots, and you can't really ask for much more than that. I think we had 38 on their goalie, which kind of tells the story of the game. We just ran into a hot goalie and didn't have our shooting sticks."

Capitals still had a route that night, with attention turning to Dundee Rockets — but their 6–2 win over Aberdeen Lynx meant the title would not be decided on Saturday. That meant Capitals would have to go again. Second chance, and this time there was no delay.

Travelling to Whitley for the Warriors' final game of their first SNL season, Capitals set the tone early. Chad Smith opened the scoring inside two minutes, and from there they took control. Whitley battled, but Capitals added again before the break to lead by two at the first interval.

The second period stretched the game. Three more goals followed, while Capitals kept things tight at the other end, leaving Whitley with too much to do.

At 5–0, it was a long way back. Capitals added three more in the third, with Olly Jardine scoring Whitley's only goal in an 8–1 finish.

Lynch was full of praise for his side's response the following night.

"I've got to be honest, I thought Sunday in Whitley Bay we were phenomenal," he said. "The first two periods were the best since the Caps got back together four years ago. The effort, commitment, heart and application were there from start to finish."

"I don't think anyone will disagree that we thoroughly deserved that victory. And it was great to wrap the league up after coming so close the last three years in a row."

That was enough. Title secured.

After a weekend that tested them, Edinburgh Capitals delivered when it mattered most. Over the course of the season, they've been the most consistent side in the league — and showed exactly why when it counted.

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How Has Hockey Changed Over The Years?

The Equipment

The most recognizable and iconic piece of hockey equipment is of course the puck. Although there are several different styles of pucks, for the most part, they all follow the same design principals.

Pucks were originally made of leather or cloth. They had an upright, spherical shape with a flat bottom. [Puck sizes](#) and shapes have changed over the years, but the basic design has remained the same. [Modern pucks](#) are much lighter than their predecessors and are made of a synthetic textile called Dacron. This makes them about 40% lighter than they were in the early 20th century. Modern pucks are also about 1.5 inches in diameter, rather than the earlier versions' 2 inches. This has made them easier to control and manoeuvre for the players.

The Ice

The other major component of hockey is of course the ice. The game was first played on ice blocks in Montreal in the 1870s. Since then, the surface requirements have changed. In the early 20th century, artificial surfaces were first used, made of cork and rubber. Later, concrete was the preferred surface treatment, and it still is today. The texture of the ice has also changed. It used to be fairly rough, especially in the winter. Now, ice makers use technology and additives to make the ice smoother, which improves the game's speed and skill element.

The Stadiums

A stadium is where the game is played, and it is where the fans are, too. The first hockey stadiums were built in North America in the early 20th century and

were considered grand, revolutionary spaces. They were made of wood and steel, with stands composed of rows of wood and steel I-beams. After a few decades, larger than life, open-air hockey stadiums were born, with the Canadian game giving way to the American game.

The Roles Of Players And Coaches

While the equipment and the surface have changed, the roles of the players and the coaches have not. The sport is still largely played by larger and stronger individuals, as the name would suggest. However, positions have changed, with today's hockey players being much more agile than their counterparts of yesteryear.

Most notably, today's players are much more comfortable taking shots from the point-blank range than their predecessors were.

The Uniforms

Hockey is a very popular sport in Canada, so it is only natural that the teams and their players would want to sport their own unique look. Over the years, the uniformity of the sport has become less and less about following the standard set by the NHL, with many teams choosing to go their own way and create something unique.

In the early 20th century, the uniforms of hockey players were basically a long-sleeved jersey with pants. Back then, the only difference between a hockey and a baseball uniform was the colour; the home whites for hockey players like anything, as long as it is on the NHL's list and the browns and yales for the batters. These days, the uniforms of hockey players can look like anything, as long as it is on the list of approved designs.



Scottish Cup Final Details

Scottish Ice Hockey can confirm that the **2026 Scottish Cup Final** will take place at **Fife Ice Arena** on **Saturday 11 April**, with **Edinburgh Capitals** set to face **Whitley Warriors**.

Face-off for the final is scheduled for **7:00pm**, bringing together two of the strongest sides competing in Scottish hockey for one of the major trophies of the season.

The road to the final began earlier in the season when newcomers **Solway Sharks** and **Whitley Warriors** competed for a place in the quarter-finals. From there, the eight teams competing in the **Scottish National League** entered the competition, with teams progressing through the **quarter-finals and semi-finals** before the two finalists were decided.

Capitals have been one of the standout teams in Scottish hockey this season, while Warriors have made an immediate impact in their first season competing within Scottish competition and have quickly established themselves as a strong contender.

The day will also feature the **Women's Playoffs**, which begins at **4:00pm**. The **three Scottish Ice Hockey registered women's teams** will compete in a mini round-robin format, with the top two teams progressing to the Women's Playoff Final later in the schedule.

The women's section is the newest competitive section within Scottish Ice Hockey, and its inclusion on finals day highlights the continued development and growth of the women's game in Scotland.

Scottish Ice Hockey Chairman **John Colley** said:

"The Scottish Cup Final is always one of the highlights of the season and we're delighted to host this year's event at Fife Ice Arena. Edinburgh Capitals and Whitley Warriors have both had excellent seasons and it sets up what should be a fantastic final. It's also great

to have the Women's Playoffs taking place on the same day, showcasing the continued growth of the women's section within Scottish Ice Hockey."

With two trophies to be decided and a full schedule of hockey planned, supporters can expect a **busy arena and a great atmosphere** in Kirkcaldy.

Tickets

Online ticket prices:

- **Adults:** £14
- **Concessions:** £12
- **Children (15 and under):** £9
- **Under 5s:** Free when sitting on a parent or carer's lap

Tickets purchased on the door will be **£1 higher in each category**, so supporters are encouraged to secure their tickets online in advance.

Tickets for the Scottish Cup Finals can be purchased online at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/scottish-ice-hockey

Collectors Puck

Supporters will also have the opportunity to order an official **Scottish Cup Final collectors puck**. Featuring a **high-quality full colour print**, the puck is a must-have collectible for ice hockey fans and a great way to remember the occasion. **Limited numbers will be produced**, and the puck will **only be available at the event**, so supporters are encouraged to **pre-order when purchasing their tickets** to secure one.



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EVENTS FROM APRIL 22 - APRIL 26 - SCOTLAND ICE HOCKEY CUP

USA VS CANADA



USA v Canada Game 1. Wednesday April 22nd : Face off 7:30

Join us for game 1 between the two top nations of ice hockey, USA vs Canada. All players are NHL Alumni. Doors open one hour before the start of the game. After the final buzzer, hang out with the NHL Alumni for photos and autographs.

Enjoy full access to the event with general admission tickets, featuring open seating and a great view of the action. General admission includes entry to the event with flexible, first-come seating. £25

VIP tickets include two free drinks, a custom lanyard badge, and exclusive access to a private lounge for a meet-and-greet with the players: £85

USA v Canada Game 2. Saturday April 25th : Face off 7:30

Join us for game 2 between the two top nations of ice hockey, USA vs Canada. All players are NHL Alumni. Doors open one hour before the start of the game. After the final buzzer, hang out with the NHL Alumni for photos and autographs.

Enjoy full access to the event with general admission tickets, featuring open seating and a great view of the action. General admission includes entry to the event with flexible, first-come seating. £25

VIP tickets are Sold Out for Game 2.

USA v Canada Game 3. Sunday April 26th: Face off 5:00pm

Join us before the start of game 3 where NHL Alumni from both Team USA and Canada will be putting on a FREE youth hockey clinic presented by UK Ice Hockey. Please ONLY select the youth hockey clinic tickets for youth hockey players. Adults should use General Admission. Please arrive 2 hours prior to game. After the final buzzer, hang out with the NHL Alumni for photos, autographs, and meet-and-greets.

General admission includes entry to the event with flexible, first-come seating. £25

VIP tickets include two free drinks, a custom lanyard badge, and exclusive access to a private lounge for a meet-and-greet with the players: £85

TICKETS AT: SCOTLANDICEHOCKEY.COM/TICKETS/

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Statistics From Kestrels & Pirates games on 7th /21st March

Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	47	17	-	00:24	=
2	17	22	37	4:05	=
3	16	22	27	39:24	PP
4	8	27	90	47:42	=
5	37	47	27	51:02	=

Capitals Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
27	Interference	20:07	2:00
17	Elbowing	40:51	2:00
17	Unsport Conduct	40:51	2:00
26	High Sticking	42:40	2:00
8	Tripping	52:37	2:00
78	Roughing	:59:35	2:00:

Shots on Ben Keddie:	16	5	10	-	31
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Did not play: .5, 18, 88.

Kestrels Goal					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	32	18	6	41:10	=

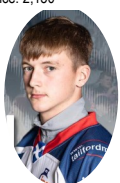
Kestrels Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
3	Roughing	12:14	2:00
53	Cross Checking	16:30	2:00
44	Delay of Game	16:35	2:00
10	Tripping	38:59	2:00
53	Boarding	:52:37	2:00
53	Delay, Freezing Puck	57:16	2:00
53	Roughing	59:35	2:00

Shots on : Andrew Little	11	16	11	-	38
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Did not play: 4, 5, 6, 35.

Referee: C Connor, Lines: L Gibson and T McLean

Attendance: 2,150



Joe was Man of Match



Conner was voted Lion of the Match

Pirates Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	8	88	-	:36:14	=
2					
3					
4					
5					

Pirates Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
11	Kneeing	10:39	2.00
8	Tripping	19:33	2.00
88	Cross Checking	20:00	2.00
28	Tripping	31:46	2.00

Shots on Daniel McGowan	13	14	11	-	38
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Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

Capitals Penalties			
#	Offence	Time	PiM
47	High Sticks	4:39	2.00

Shots on :Ben Keddie (Off 59:00)	5	12	2	-	19
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Did not play:5,22, 50, 88

Attendance: 2,850

Referee: C Connor Lines:A Stanley and L Gibson

Chad was voted MoM

Picture: Ian Coyle



Capitals Statistician's Statistics @ 1st April 2026

#	Player	GP	Gls	Assts	Pts	PiM	GIS	Asst	Pts	PiM
17	Joe Lynch	34	51	40	91	45	1.50	1.18	2.68	1.32
37	Chad Smith	33	34	34	68	21	1.03	1.03	2.06	0.64
47	Joel Gautschi	33	17	40	57	40	0.52	1.21	1.73	1.21
16	Conner McNulty	33	20	17	37	20	0.61	0.52	1.12	0.61
10	Sean Cochrane	34	20	11	31	8	0.59	0.32	0.91	0.24
27	Sean Stewart	22	11	20	31	34	0.50	0.91	1.41	1.55
78	Rihards Grigors	35	6	22	28	29	0.17	0.63	0.80	0.83
22	Aidan Paterson	34	4	20	24	12	0.12	0.59	0.71	0.35
26	Garry Simpson	15	13	11	24	8	0.87	0.73	1.60	0.53
90	Kris Phillips	34	7	12	19	18	0.21	0.35	0.56	0.53
8	Adam Robinson	30	5	12	17	18	0.17	0.40	0.57	0.60
33	Scott Geddes	35	1	15	16	4	0.03	0.43	0.46	0.11
77	Scott McKay	33	3	12	15	77	0.09	0.36	0.45	2.33
24	Kyle Howie	36	7	7	14	6	0.19	0.19	0.39	0.17
5	James Isaacs	4	2	6	8	2	0.50	1.50	2.00	0.50
9	Cameron Gallacher	33	3	4	7	28	0.09	0.12	0.21	0.85
18	Ben Coughtrie	25	0	6	6	50	0.00	0.24	0.24	2.00
3	Dean Walker	33	0	5	5	4	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.12
19	Rhys Stenhouse	29	2	3	5	16	0.07	0.10	0.17	0.55
7	Cameron Wilkie	35	2	2	4	6	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.17
43	Justin Finnigan	31	2	2	4	43	0.06	0.06	0.13	1.39
4	Jonah Johnson	8	1	2	3	6	0.13	0.25	0.38	0.75
13	Ciaran Hoggan	34	0	3	3	2	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.06
20	Aaron Robertson	7	1	1	2	0	0.14	0.14	0.29	0.00
34	Ben Keddie	36	0	1	1	0	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00
25	Ross Dalgleish	5	0	0	0	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60
50	Charlie McLoughlin-Hanna	23	0	0	0	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17
68	Lukas James	3	0	0	0	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67

#	Netminder	GP	TOI	Shots	Saves	Gls Ag	Save%	GI Ag Av	Shut Out	PiM
34	Ben Keddie	36	1648.57	848	800	48	.943	1.81	7	0
13	Ciaran Hoggan	34	480.15	206	187	19	.907	2.55	1	2
88	Jonnie Livingstone	2	44.34	16	13	3	.812	4.05	1	0

Capitals Period SNL Games Stats at 1st April

Period	1	2	3	OT	Total	OT/PSW	OT/PSL
Wins	23	25	18	1	67	3	1
Draws	7	6	13	0	26	0	0
Losses	6	5	5	1	17	0	1
Goals Scored per Period	32	81	64	3	180	3	0
Goals Lost per Period	15	21	31	1	68	0	1



What are the various hockey statistics ?

Total Points

This is simply the sum of the points that the player has scored (including both goals and assists).

Assists

This is the number of individual assists that the player has managed to record. An assist is recorded when the other team's player initiates a turnover in your own territory and you help the team mate to seal the deal. The assist is not recorded if the turnover occurs outside of your territory and there is no subsequent assist on the play.

Saves

This is the total number of goals that the player has prevented from being scored. A save is considered to be a successful challenge of a shot, either by punching the puck away or deflecting it with a stick or glove. The save does not count if the goal is due to a lucky bounce or deflection by a skate or stick.

Shots On Goal

This is the total number of shots that the player has managed to direct on goal. A shot is counted if it goes into the opponent's net either directly or from a rebound. A goal is scored when the puck goes into the net from a shot. If the puck hits the goal post or crossbar it is not counted as a shot on goal.

Penalty Minutes

This is the total number of penalties that the player has incurred while on the ice. The role of the penalty killer is to prevent goals while the player on the ice

is penalised for some aggressive or dangerous play. If you kill off a penalty, you will not receive any points for that period but you will be considered to have played a full game.

Face Off Wins

This is the total number of face-offs that the player has won. A face-off is considered to be a won battle when you successfully prevent your opponent from gaining the advantage by winning the puck toss. If you are playing against less skilled opponents, it might be worth trying to steal a few face-offs here and there so that you can even the score a little bit. However, taking too many face-offs can end up costing you the game because the referee may decide that you are not playing with proper [hockey tactics](#) and give you a game misconduct or unsportsmanlike penalty.

Team Statistics

This includes things such as the total number of goals and assists that the players have compiled while playing. As an individual, you can also track your team's total points as well as the number of goals that you have scored and the assists that you have recorded. With all the information that you need to calculate your PM rating in hockey, there is no excuse for getting it wrong. Calculating this number correctly takes a little bit of time but it is definitely worth it. Once you know how it is done, it is just a matter of plugging in the numbers and doing a bit of arithmetic to get the final result.

Statistics From Warriors & Rockets games on 22nd / 29th March

Warriors Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	44	20	57	50:07	=

Warriors Penalties					
#	Offence	Time	PiM		
20	Charging	9:02	2:00		
22	Tripping	34:27	2:00		
64	Roughing	35:14	2:00		
22	Roughing	35:14	2:00		
21	Roughing	35:14	2:00		
13	Kneeing	55:11	2:00		
21	Roughing	58:21	2:00		
75	Unsport Conduct	58:27	2:00		
Shots on Thomas Brown		15	19	10	- 44

Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	37	17	-	2:16	=
2	16	-	-	17:42	=
3	22	17	47	25:01	=
4	17	37	47	33:34	=
5	10	27	-	35:03	PP
6	78	16	-	46:53	=
7	17	47	33	53:06	=
8	77	4	8	55:23	PP

Capitals Penalties				
#	Offence	Time	PiM	
47	Interference	2:35	2:00	
90	Cross Checking	9:02	2:00	
17	Charging	26:10	2:00	
47	Interference	33:14	2:00	
4	Roughing	38:14	2:00	
24	Roughing	38:14	2:00	
8	Roughing	38:14	2:00	
9	Roughing	58:21	2:00	

Shots on : Ben Keddie	14	7	13	-	34
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Did not play: 5, 26, 50, 88.

Referee: C Connor, L Calvert, & M Alexander



Left: Conner was voted MoM



Right: Scott McK was Lion of the Match

Rockets Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	18	12	11	5:07	=
2	96	16	14	7:45	=
3	92	16	96	21:26	=
4	12	19	11	25:07	PP
5	96	8	-	27:40	=
6	18	12	-	48:59	=
7	26	4	-	49:37	PP
8	18	12	10	53:34	=
9	92	96	10	55:34	=
10	11	12	-	56:47	=

Rockets Penalties				
#	Offence	Time	PiM	
42	Interference	1:34	2:00	
20	Slashing	6:29	2:00	
19	Interference	13:37	2:00	
96	Roughing	28:20	2:00	
4	Unsport Conduct	28:20	2:00	
8	Hooking	32:22	2:00	
51	Tripping	34:01	2:00	
18	Interference	21:17	2:00	
51	Boarding	60:00	5:00	

Shots on #35 Euan Simpson	15	17	14	-	46
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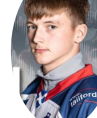
Capitals Goals					
#	Scorer	Asst1	Asst2	Time	Type
1	8	77	78	11:10	=
2	17	37	90	14:40	PP
3	37	-	-	20:59	=
4	17	26	-	50:46	=

Capitals Penalties				
#	Offence	Time	PiM	
8	Hooking	6:29	2:00	
16	Slashing	24:51	2:00	
27	Roughing	28:20	2:00	
77	Unsport Conduct	28:20	10:00	
16	Elbowing	29:36	2:00	
8	Tripping	49:35	2:00	
78	High Sticking	54:49	2:00	

Shots on #13 Ciaran Hoggan	12	13	18	-	43
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Did not play: 4, 5, 18, 88

Referee: C Connor, R Thorp & M Alexander



Joe was Man of Match





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	Jonah Johnson	D	5				:		
5	James Isaacs	D	6				:		
7	Cameron Wilkie	D	7				:		
8	Adam Robinson	RW	8				:		
9	Cammy Gallagher	C/W	9				:		
10	Sean Cochrane	F	'A'	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					:	:	
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	1	2	3	OT	Final	Time Out	#	Netminder	Time on	1	2	3	OT	Total
13	Ciaran Hoggan	:						Capitals	Capitals						Wild	29	Caiden MacColl	:					
34	Ben Keddie	:						:	Wild					:		31	Gary MacColl	:					
88	Jonnie Livingstone	:																:					

Referee: _____ Linespersons: _____ and _____

NORTH AYRSHIRE WILD



Colours: Brown, Orange

Wild Goals									
#	Player	Pos	#	Scorer	Asst 1	Asst 2	Time	Type	
29	Caiden MacColl	NM	1				:		
31	Gary MacColl	NM	2				:		
5	Scott McLintock	D	3				:		
7	Matthew Evans	F	4				:		
8	Lewis McCrindle	D	'A'	5			:		
10	Jacob Woods	F	6				:		
11	Kerr Drummond	D	7				:		
12	Jordan McGonigle	D	8				:		
14	Conor Wood	D	9				:		
16	Ethan Conlan	F	10				:		
Wild Penalties									
#	Player	Pos	#	Offence	Time	Pen Mins			
17	Liam Houston	F							
18	Dylan Murray	F					:	:	
20	Rocco Murray	D					:	:	
22	Ross Andreucci	F					:	:	
38	Jack Neil						:	:	
48	Scott Cowan	F					:	:	
67	Lennon Deeney	D					:	:	
67	Haydn Woods	F					:	:	
78	Zack Kenneth	F					:	:	
88	Luca DeSimone	F	'C'				:	:	
91	Tom Morgenthaler	F	'A'				:	:	
93	Sean Woods						:	:	
97	Kyle Forsyth	D/F					:	:	

Head Coach: Dominic DeSimone

Out of courtesy and for your own safety and that of other fans please remain seated until play stops. Please follow the stewards instructions at all times.

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.

Wild MoM _____

