



READING ROYALS WEEKLY RELEASE

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Guess It's That Time of Year Again...



East Division Standings

Elmira	25	- 17	- 3	- 2	=	55
Reading	23	- 20	- 1	- 3	=	50
Trenton	17	- 22	- 4	- 5	=	43
Johnstown	13	- 26	- 5	- 3	=	34

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 12

@ Trenton Devils (Sun National Bank Center)
Game Time: 7:00 pm et (Broadcast 6:30 pm et)

Saturday, February 13

v Trenton Devils (Sovereign Center)
Game Time: 7:05 pm et (Broadcast 6:35 pm et)

Sunday, February 14

v Wheeling Nailers (Sovereign Center)
Game Time: 5:05 pm et (Broadcast: 4:30 pm et)

Friday, February 19

@ Elmira Jackals (First Arena)
Game Time: 7:35 pm et (Broadcast: 7:05 pm et)

Saturday, February 20

@ Elmira Jackals (First Arena)
Game Time: 7:35 pm et (Broadcast 7:05 pm et)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (0-2-0-0)

Friday	February 5, 2010	@ Trenton Devils	Loss	1	-	4
Saturday	February 6, 2010	v Elmira Jackals	Loss	2	-	3

TEAM LEADERS

Goals	Ben Gordon	19
Assists	Ben Gordon	32
Points	Ben Gordon	51
GWGs	Marc Cavosie	3
PPGs	X Olivier Labelle and Ben McLeod	5
First Goals	Ryan Cruthers	3
Shots	Ben Gordon	156
PIMs	X Rob LaLonde	105
Plus/Minus	Ben Gordon	+9

TEAM GOALTENDING STATS

Wins	Matt Dalton	14
GAA	x Andrew Engelage	3.32
Save %	Matt Dalton	.906

LEADERS In The ECHL

Points	R. Kinaswech (UTA)	70
Goals	R. Kinaswech (UTA) , W. Goldie (VIC)	32
Assists	Tyler Donati (ELM)	47
PIMs	T.J. Reynolds	193
+/-	Brennan Turner (ELM)	+35

Player of the Week Nomination

Charlie Kronschnabel

You can go straight to the granddaddy of worn-thin clichés for this one because when things got going pretty tough for the Royals this week, Charlie Kronschnabel got 'er going himself. Like a lot of guys, Charlie might prefer to be in a different spot right about now—heck, I'd love to be on SoCal's Manhattan Beach as I write this with fifteen inches of snow on the ground and another storm threatening—but he bit down hard this week and came up with just about all of the offense that the Royals produced in their two games played, scoring a pair of goals—both (add exclamation point here) while the team was playing short-handed. But more importantly, it was Charlie's refusal to quit after taking a blind-side hit to the head from a certain Jackal on Saturday that says all you need to know the Royals' captain...



GAME BROADCASTS

Live Broadcasts Of All Royals' Games are Available on the Royals Radio Network and www.royals-hockey.com where you can link to the team's webcast hosted by www.wrfy.com (click the lion's head logo to listen live)
Game Video Is Available On A Pay Per Game Basis Provided Through The B2 Networks
In Arena Broadcasting At The Sovereign Center Is Available At 99.3 fm Courtesy of Deibler Dental

RADIO RECON

Tuesday Night From 6 to 7 pm
Join us At The Works Of Wyomissing
1109 Bern Road (610-375-2700)
For the Weekly Royals' Coach's Show
Also Live on Royals Radio Network
Tuesday, February 2
Head Coach Larry Courville
Aaron Brocklehurst & Chase Watson

TOP NOTES OF THE WEEK

1. With the two losses sustained by the Royals this past week, the team is currently mired in a three game losing streak, which ties the longest losing streak of the year for Reading (which was just established in the three losses sustained by the team from January 22 - January 27). The Royals are now 1-6-0-0 in the team's last seven games— and 5-10-0-1 in the team's last 16 played.
2. Reading's loss to Trenton on Friday coupled with the Elmira Jackals' win over the Wheeling Nailers that same night served to knock the Royals out of first place in the East Division of the American Conference for the first time since December 4, 2009. The Royals now trail the Jackals by five points for first place in the East with twenty-five regular season games to go for both teams.
3. Friday's 4-1 loss in Trenton marked the first time this season that the Royals have lost to the Devils in nine games played (8-1-0-0). (It also extended Reading's road losing streak to three consecutive games.) The Royals and Devils play five more times this season, including a home-and-home series this Friday and Saturday.
4. Friday's game marked the ninth time this year that the Royals' offense has been held to one goal (or less). Reading is 0-8-0-1 in those games. The Royals have scored a total of 150 goals in 47 games played this year, an average of 3.19 goals per game, which is tied for 14th in the league. (The Royals have allowed 169 goals against, which translates into a 3.60 team goals against average—seventeenth out of the twenty teams in the league.)
5. The Devils fired 56 shots on Reading's goal on Friday night, establishing a season high for shots against the Royals this year. That marked the seventeenth time this year that the Royals have allowed forty or more shots against in a single game. Reading averages giving up 36.17 shots against per game, which is nineteenth in the league.
6. The Royals 3-2 loss to the Elmira Jackals on Saturday was the second consecutive game that was decided by one goal to go against the Royals. (Reading lost by an identical 3-2 score to the Gwinnett Gladiators on Sunday, January 31). The Royals are now 14-4-1-3 in games decided by one goal.
7. Charlie Kronschnabel scored the Royals' lone goal on Friday in Trenton, while Reading was on the penalty kill. Kronschnabel also scored a short-handed goal (and picked up an assist on the Royals' other goal) in Saturday's 3-2 loss to the Elmira. Kronschnabel has registered at least one point in seven of his last ten games with the Royals (3g-5a=8pts).
8. Marc Cavosie picked up an assist in both of the games played this week, which extends his personal point streak to four games (1g-4a=5pts). Cavosie's helper on the Royals' first goal on Saturday night (by Andrew Sarauer) was his 200th point in his eight year playing career (59g-141a=200pts in 455 games). Cavosie has picked up at least one point in 21 of the 28 games he's played for the Royals this season.
9. Andrew Sarauer scored the Royals' first goal in Saturday's 3-2 loss to Elmira. Sarauer has picked up eleven points (6g-5a) in his last fourteen games with the Royals.
10. Goaltender Matt Dalton has now played sixteen consecutive games for the Royals. He has played 31 of the Royals' last 37 games since he joined the team on November 11, 2009. Dalton is currently fourth in the league in total minutes played by a goaltender (1863); and, after Saturday's game he is the third goaltender in the ECHL this season to break through the 1000 save plateau—(1028, which leads all rookie goaltenders and is third in the league).
11. The Royals' power play was held off the board in both games played this week, making it a total of twenty-one games this season that Reading's power play has failed to register a goal. The Royals PP has been blanked in five of the last six games and in seven of the last eleven. In those eleven games, the power play has scored five goals in fifty-seven chances with the man advantage, which translates into an 8.8% scoring ratio. Overall, this year the Royals' power play has scored 37 PPGs in 249 chances with the man advantage (a 14.9% scoring ratio, which is eighteenth in the league).
12. Reading's penalty killers kept the Jackals' power play off the board on Saturday night (0-2), snapping a streak of six consecutive games in which the opposition had scored at least one power play goal against the Royals. The Royals' PK has allowed at least one PPGA in sixteen of the last nineteen games played. In those 19 games, the PK has allowed 20 PPGA in 97 chances for the opposition (79.4% kill ratio). Overall, the Royals are killing at a 80.2% ratio (186-232; 46 PPGA) (18th in the league).

TRANSACTIONS

02/01/10	Delete	Nick St. Pierre	D	Rights Traded to Gwinnett (ECHL)
02/01/10	Add	Aaron Brocklehurst	D	Acquired in Trade from Gwinnett (ECHL)
02/01/10	Delete	Ben Gordon	F	Loaned to Abbotsford (AHL)
02/02/10	Add	Bryan Ewing	F	Returned from Springfield (AHL)
02/02/10	Claimed	Ryan-James Hand	D	From Waivers by Utah (ECHL)
02/03/10	Add	Ben Gordon	F	Returned from Abbotsford (AHL)
02/03/10	Delete	Matt Marquardt	F	Recalled to Providence (AHL)
02/05/10	Add	Ryan Cruthers	F	Returned from Norfolk (AHL)
02/05/10	Delete	Max Taylor	F	Released
02/06/10	Add	Ryan-James Hand	D	Signed to ECHL Contract

CLOSING NOTES

1. With the two short-handed goals scored by the Royals this week, the team has now registered nine SHGs this season, which is tied for the fourth most in the league. The Royals led the league with 16 short-handed goals in the 2004-05 season.
2. Ben Gordon picked up an assist on the short-handed goal by Charlie Kronschnabel on Saturday against Elmira, snapping a season long streak of four consecutive games without a point.
3. Aaron Brocklehurst picked up an assist on Kronschnabel's SHG on Saturday against Elmira. That marked his first point as a Royal in his second game with the team.
4. Scott Fletcher, who played to a plus-1 (+1) in both games this past week, leads Royals defensemen in plus-minus at plus-7 (+7). Fletcher also registered his seventh fighting major in the twenty-five games he's played for Reading this year when he fought Elmira's Chaz Johnson on Saturday. Scott Langdon currently leads the Royals with nine fighting majors.
5. Dinos Stamoulis picked up his sixth fighting major of the season when he fought Elmira's Olivier Proulx in the first period of Saturday's game.
6. Saturday's game was the eighty-fifth game behind the bench for Head Coach Larry Courville since taking over the team last season on January 6, 2009. Coach Courville has compiled a record of 38-39-8 in those games.
7. After Saturday's loss to Elmira, the Royals are currently 12-10-0-2 after twenty-four games at the Sovereign Center this season, leaving twelve regular season home games to go this year. The most home wins in a single season for the Royals was set in 2003-04 and tied in the 2004-05 team at 25. In the nine year history of the team, the Royals have played 312 home games and have compiled an overall record of 169-111-32 (.593 win percentage).
8. The Royals remain two victories short of the 300 win plateau for the team in the nine year history of the club: 298-252-63 (.538 win percentage).

REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	++	PIM											
Ben Gordon	LW	40	19	32	51	+9	35											
Ryan Cruthers	C	38	11	27	38	-2	47											
Bryan Ewing	RW	34	11	18	29	-4	43											
Andrew Sarauer	LW	46	10	15	25	-7	51											
Marc Cavosie	C	28	7	18	25	ev	11											
Ben McLeod	C	44	11	13	24	-6	20											
X Olivier Labelle	RW	36	13	9	22	-13	103											
X Stefano Giliati	LW	26	10	12	22	+2	25											
Aaron Brocklehurst	D	42	8	13	21	-6	47											
Charlie Kronschnabel	C	39	10	10	20	-9	27											
X Rob LaLonde	D	27	3	7	10	-1	105											
Dinos Stamoulis	D	47	1	9	10	-7	83											
Jimmy Fraser	C	33	4	5	9	-8	26											
Scott Langdon	D	30	2	4	6	-1	73											
X Jared Ross	D	21	3	2	5	-10	29											
Scott Fletcher	D	23	2	2	4	+7	67											
Chase Watson	F	10	2	1	3	ev	4											
X Matt Marquardt	F	6	1	2	3	-2	14											
Ryan Crane	D	5	1	1	2	ev	6											
Jim Gehring	LW	12	0	1	1	-2	2											
Ryan-James Hand	D	13	0	1	1	-3	47											
Kyle Laughlin	RW	16	0	1	1	-3	2											
Chris Clark	D	3	0	0	0	ev	2											
		GP	W	L	OL	SL	OW	SW	SHO	GAA	SPCT							
X Andrew Engelage		5	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	3.32	.901							
Matt Dalton		31	14	15	0	2	0	1	0	3.45	.906							