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Marlies Finish Nine Game Road Trip this Week; Return to Ricoh this Weekend

Toronto Plays Manitoba Twice Before Returning to Ricoh Coliseum for Two Weekend Home Games

Last Week:

The Marlies went 1-1-0-0 in their two games last week; both in Abbotsford. On Friday night, the Marlies fell to the Heat 3-2. Jeff Cowan and Mike Zigomanis provided the goal scoring for Toronto. Fabian Brunnstrom made his Marlies debut and registered two assists and a plus two rating in the loss. Ben Scrivens made 25 saves on 28 shots. Lance Bouma was the game's first star.

On Sunday morning the Marlies erased a two goal deficit to drop the Heat 3-2 in a shootout. Trailing 2-0 in the second period, Zigomanis and Juraj Mikus tallied goals to tie the game at 2-2. After a scoreless third period, Jerry D'Amigo scored the lone goal in the shootout to complete the Marlies comeback. James Reimer, making his first start since Dec. 11 for the Marlies, made 23 saves, including all five in the shootout.

Reading Report:

The Reading Royals currently rank first in the Atlantic division with a record of 23-10-2-1. The Royals have picked up points in nine of their past 10 games. Their 23 wins this season rank second (tie) in the entire ECHL. The Royals travel to Florida this week for three games against the Everblades.

Practice Schedule:

Tuesday: Game at MTB 8:30pm
Wednesday: Game at MTB 8:30pm
Thursday: OFF
Friday: Practice 11am (MCC)
Saturday: Game vs. PEO 3pm
Sunday: Game vs. HOU 5pm



The Marlies played a pair of games in Abbotsford over the weekend, picking up a 3-2 shootout win on Sunday that aired on CBC. Mike Zigomanis tallied a four point (two goals, two assists) weekend, which included him being named the game's third star on Friday night against the Heat.

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What You Need To Know About The Toronto Marlies...

- The Marlies are currently (3-2-0-2) on their nine game, 21-day road trip. It began on New Years Eve with a 2-1 shootout loss to the Grand Rapids Griffins.
- Mike Zigomanis is currently on a three-game point streak. Zigomanis has recorded a goal and an assist in back-to-back games for the Marlies and now leads the club with 26 points.
- Toronto posts a record of 13-8-0-5 away from Ricoh Coliseum so far this season. Their 13 road victories rank third (tie) in the AHL. Last season the Marlies finished with an 11-22-3-4 road record.
- The Marlies penalty killing continues to be strong, ranking sixth (tie) in the AHL with an 85.6% success rate.
- Ben Scrivens has been solid for the Marlies over his past six games, posting a 2-1-2 record with a 1.80 goals against average and a 0.939 save percentage.
- Last week the AHL announced that forward Joey Crabb will represent the Western Conference at the All-Star Classic.
- Toronto holds a record of 6-2-0-4 against the West Division
- Christian Hanson had his five-game point streak snapped on Sunday in the team's 3-2 win. During his point streak, Hanson notched three goals and two assists. In 33 games this season, the second year forward has posted 10 goals, which ranks third on the club.
- Goaltender James Reimer was reassigned to the Marlies last week and back stopped Toronto to a 3-2 shootout win on Sunday versus the Heat. Reimer made 23 saves, including all five in the shootout for the win.


North Division Standings

| TEAM | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | PTS |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Hamilton | 41 | 23 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 51 |
| Manitoba | 39 | 22 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 49 |
| Toronto | 42 | 20 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 47 |
| Lake Erie | 45 | 19 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 45 |
| Abbotsford | 42 | 19 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 44 |
| Grand Rapids | 43 | 19 | 19 | 1 | 4 | 43 |
| Rochester | 42 | 17 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 38 |

MARLIES LEADERS

| PLAYER | GP | G | A | PTS |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Mike Zigomanis | 35 | 7 | 19 | 26 |
| Fabian Brunnstrom | 39 | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| Christian Hanson | 33 | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| Justin Hodgman | 31 | 8 | 13 | 21 |
| x Marcel Mueller | 39 | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| Matt Lashoff | 43 | 4 | 16 | 20 |
| x Joey Crabb | 34 | 11 | 7 | 18 |
| Nazem Kadri | 18 | 7 | 11 | 18 |

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

 The Marlies play two games against the Manitoba Moose this week on Tuesday and Wednesday night. It will be the first two meetings between the clubs this season. Toronto sits two points behind the Moose in the North Division standings. The Moose have collected points in eight of their past 10 games overall (7-2-1-0).



Toronto returns from their nine game road trip to host the Peoria Rivermen on Saturday at 3 pm. The Marlies defeated the Rivermen, 6-1 in their previous matchup just before Christmas. Peoria currently ranks second in the West Division with a record of 25-13-2-1.



The Marlies finish their four-game week on Sunday with a game against the Houston Aeros at 5 pm. The Aeros have points in five straight games. Former Marlie Robbie Earl has 29 points this season with the Aeros.