



THUNDERBIRDS V. WINTERHAWKS

Game Notes 11.30.22

LAST GAME: Despite outshooting Tri-City 45-21, the Thunderbirds fell to the American, 4-3, Sunday at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. Seattle surrendered two shorthanded goals as they went 0-for-3 on the power play. Lucas Ciona had a pair of goals in the loss. Jermey Hanzel had a goal and an assist. The loss snapped Seattle's 17-game winning streak against Tri-City, dating back to April 6th of 2021.

SEASON SERIES: This is the fourth of 12 meetings between Seattle and Portland this season. The Winterhawks lead the season series, 2-1. Portland won 5-1 here in Portland back on November 4th and then again, 5-3, the following night in Kent. The Thunderbirds win came last Friday, a 6-1 victory at the accesso ShoWare Center.

MY OH MYATOVIC: Nico Myatovic is Seattle's leading scorer in the season series against the Winterhawks with four points (3g, 1a). With eight goals through his first twenty games this season, Myatovic has already doubled his goal output from the 2021-22 campaign (four goals in 67 games). Kevin Korchinski (1g, 3a) also has four points versus Portland.

FOUR SCORE: The four goals allowed by Seattle Sunday to the Americans snapped a streak of six games in which the Thunderbirds allowed two or fewer goals.

ONE YEAR AGO: The Thunderbirds were 13-6-1-0 after twenty games last season. Included in that total was a 3-1-0-0 record against Portland, with two wins at the VMC.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Tij Iginla recorded his first multiple point game in the WHL last Friday when he recorded a goal and an assist against Portland. Bryce Pickford had his second WHL goal, and first of this season, in the same game. Iginla and Pickford were top picks by Seattle in the 2021 WHL Prospects Draft, Iginla was taken in the first round, 9th overall. Pickford was one of three players chosen by the Thunderbirds in round two, 38th overall. Seattle's other second round picks in that draft were Hyde Davidson (24th overall) and Simon Lovsin (44th overall). Lovsin is currently playing for the Spruce Grove Saints of the AJHL and has five points (2g, 3a) in 12 games. Lovsin, who had one assist in four preseason games with Seattle, signed his Standard WHL Player Agreement in January.

PK RISING: The Thunderbirds were assessed just one minor penalty Sunday in Kennewick and did not allow a power play goal. In their last seven games the Thunderbirds are 22-of-24 (92%) on the penalty kill.

THE HOT HANZEL: Jermey Hanzel is riding a four-game point streak (1g, 3a) and has an assist in five of his last six games.

CRANK IT UP: Kyle Crnkovic has points in four straight games (3g, 3a) and points in five of his last six (3g, 5a). Jared Davidson has points in three straight games (3g, 1a) and points in 14 of the 16 games he has played this season. Lucas Ciona's two goal effort Sunday in Kennewick snapped an 11-game stretch for him without a goal.

MILESTONE ALERT: Sunday was Kyle Crnkovic's 230th game in the WHL. Jared Davidson played his 210th WHL game Sunday in Kennewick, all with the Thunderbirds. Tonight marks Kevin Korchinski's 110th WHL game.

INJURY REPORT: Luke Prokop is week-to-week with a lower body injury. Bryce Pickford did not play Sunday and is listed as day-to-day,

NEXT GAME: Seattle returns home next Saturday to host the Victoria Royals at the accesso ShoWare Center. Game time is 6:05 p.m. It is the Thunderbirds annual Fred Meyer Teddy Bear Toss game.

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