# MONROE MOCCASINS GAME NOTES

## Nov 13th: Monroe Moccasins (4-5-1) @ Blue Ridge Bobcats (5-2-1)

**THE LAST SEASON:** The Moccasins finished with a 35-8-10-3 record, placing second in the Continental Division and 3rd overall in the Federal Prospects Hockey League. Monroe went on a 18 game win streak from Dec 5th to Jan 30th. They lost in the opening round of the playoffs to Columbus in three games.

**A SEASON AGO:** The Bobcats and Moccasins did not play each other last season. The two teams split a weekend series in Monroe in the Moccasins inaugural season.

**SEASON SERIES:** This weekend is the only meeting between the Bobcats and Moccasins.

**NEXT MEETING:** The two teams will meet again tomorrow for the final time this season.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Jared Christy, Jordan Ernst, and Bradley Richardson scored for the Moccasins, but 24 penalty minutes and a pair of power play goals doomed the Moccasins in a 5-3 loss.

**CAPTAIN SCHU'S LAST VOYAGE:** After 11 pro seasons, Frank Schumacher embarks on his final season in professional hockey. In the season opener on October the 9th, Monroe's captain became the first Moccasins player in it's FPHL existence to play 100 games with the franchise. Schumacher begins the season 23 games away from playing 500 professional games spanning three leagues (FPHL, SPHL, and ECHL).

**FROM MONROE TO GOLD:** Moccasins forward Carlos Fornaris during the offseason took his talents to Ball Hockey in Ostrava, Czechia to compete in the ISBHF World Championships. Thanks to fundraising from the people of Monroe, five flights, followed up by a bus and train ride to reach Ostrava. "You guys [fans of Monroe] are a part of this gold medal as much as I am". Fornaris returns to the Moccasins as the franchise leader in assists and points (26G, *59A, *85P).

**DOWN TO THE WIRE:** Last year, the Moccasins were highly successful in one score games. Monroe held a record of (35-1-4) in games decided by a goal in 2025-26. This comes after building off an (18-5) record in one score games in the first year of their existence in 2024-25.

**THE RENAISSANCE OF THE MOCS:** The city of Monroe marked their return to professional hockey on June 5th, 2024 when the Perkin Hockey Group announced an expansion FPHL franchise would begin play that fall dawning the same nickname as the Western Professional Hockey League franchise that called the Civic Center Home 23 years prior. The WPHL Moccasins played from 1997-2001, making the playoffs twice in their four seasons of existence.

**BACK IN MONROE AGAIN:** This is Russ Parent's second season as the head coach of the Moccasins. A draft pick of the New York Rangers in 1986, Parent played a franchise record 277 games as a member of the WPHL Monroe Moccasins from 1997-2001. As a defenseman, Parent recorded the third most points in franchise history (169) and second most points (133). On October 11, 2025, in his coaching debut, Parent recorded his first win behind the bench in a 9-5 victory over the Biloxi Breakers. Parent went on to lead the Moccasins to their record setting 18 game win streak, and best win percentage in Monroe hockey history (.750), capped off with an appearance in the Commissioner's Cup Playoffs.

**CROOP RETURNS TO THE BOOT:** Associate Head Coach Jay Croop returns for his second season on Parent's coaching staff in Monroe. Croop played 10 seasons in the FPHL, including 7 of those seasons as

a player-coach, and 5 as an Assistant General Manager. On November 27, 2024, Croop scored a goal against the Moccasins as a member of the Mississippi Sea Wolves in a 3-2 Moccasins win.

**NEW DIVISIONS:** On July 21st, the league announced the Moccasins would play in the Delta Division of the Western Conference along with the Baton Rouge Kingfish, Columbus River Dragons and Mid-South Monarchs. Joining the Delta Division in the Western Conference is the Frontier Division. While the Eastern Conference is composed of the Atlantic and Great Lakes Divisions.

**VERSUS THE ATLANTIC DIVISION:** This is the third of six games for Monroe against the Atlantic Division. The Moccasins play two games at home in the division and four away. The Moccasins face the Blue Ridge Bobcats (2) and Twin City Thunderbirds (4) during the regular season.

**NEW POINT SYSTEM:** On July 22, the FPHL unveiled a new point system for the regular season. Instead of the original format (3-2-1-0), awarding three points for a regulation win, two for a win past regulation, and one for a loss beyond regulation, the league adopted the NHL format that rewards two points for a win of any kind, and one point for a loss in overtime or a shootout.

**NEW PLAYOFF FORMAT:** On July 23rd, the FPHL unveiled their new playoff format. The top three teams in each division earn a playoff berth with the first place team earning a first round bye. The second and third place teams play in the opening round (series and scheduling details TBA) before facing the regular season division champion in a best of three series. The winner of the division championship round plays the other division champion in the conference in a best of three series. The conference champion would play in the Commissioner's Cup Finals in a best of five series.

**MILESTONES:** On opening night, Frank Schumacher played in his 100th game in a Moccasins uniform, the most in the Moccasins' FPHL history. He started the season, 23 games away from playing his 500th professional game.

**WHO'S HOT:** Jared Christy brings a ten game point streak into Friday Night and a six game goal streak (franchise record). Christy also has multipoint games in seven of the last eight.

**TRANSACTIONS:** On August 31st the Moccasins traded defenseman AJ Schlepp and goaltender Gabe Rosek to Blue Ridge Bobcats for future considerations. On September 11th, Monroe traded away goaltender Nolan Egbert to the Watertown Wolves for future considerations.

**ROAD TRIPPIN':** The Moccasins go on a near month and a half long road trip starting February 19th and ending March 27th, amassing 12 games. The road trip includes two game weekend series stops in Columbus (twice), Twin City, Baton Rouge, Topeka, and Indiana. The Moccasins return home from their road trip on April 2nd to host the Columbus River Dragons for another weekend series.

**ROCKIN' THE SNAKE PIT:** The Moccasins set the FPHL record in their inaugural season in 2024-25 at 4,519. After reaching the 4,000 fan mark again in their second season (4,132), the Moccasins aim to once again aim to set new records in attendance for the 2026-27 campaign.

**NEXT GAMES:** Monroe faces Baton Rouge in an away and home series next week. Across Thanksgiving, the Moccasins head to Topeka to take on the Scarecrows.

# Monroe Moccasins 2026-2027 Roster

## Forwards (8)

| # | Name | Exp. | DOB | S | Height | Weight | Hometown | Prev. Team |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Jared Christy | Pro | 04/16/98 (28) | L | 5-10 | 185 | Costa Mesa, CA | Birmingham Bulls (SPHL) |
| 6 | Jeff Skinner | Rookie | 05/12/88 (38) | L | 6-0 | 194 | Katy, TX | Univ. Mass-Boston (DIII) |
| 8 | Curtis Hansen | Pro | 01/07/98 (28) | L | 5-10 | 181 | Mound, MN | Baton Rouge Zydeco (FPHL) |
| 13 | Ethan Nitkin | Rookie | 06/06/97 (29) | R | 6-2 | 201 | Miami Beach, FL | Univ of Mass-Boston (DIII) |
| 24 | Bradley Richardson | Pro | 02/27/99 (27) | R | 6-3 | 212 | Baton Rouge, LA | Baton Rouge Zydeco (FPHL) |
| 43 | Payton Stauffacher | Rookie | 04/14/02 (24) | R | 5-11 | 185 | Monroe, WI | Eagle River Falcons (GLHL) |
| 47 | Austin Pick | Rookie | 09/29/01 (27) | L | 5-10 | 180 | Troutdale, OR | Franklin Pierce Univ. (NCAA DIII) |
| 96 | Blake Keller | Pro | 04/01/02 (24) | L | 6-2 | 185 | St. Cloud, MN | Baton Rouge Zydeco (FPHL) |

Pronunciations: Lalor (Lawler); Stauffacher (Stauff-ick-er)

## Defensemen (6)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Corson Green | Pro | 03/04/99 (27) | L | 6-2 | 195 | Potsdam, NY | Birmingham Bulls (SPHL) |
| 15 | Raymond Johnson | Rookie | 08/15/05 (21) | R | 6-1 | 205 | St. Augustine, FL | Hampton Road Whalers (USPHL) |
| 23 | Colten Gerken | Rookie | 09/06/03 (23) | L | 6-1 | 188 | Anchorage, AK | Grand Canyon Univ/ (ACHA) |
| 25 | Nathan Cox | Rookie | 09/17/01 (25) | R | 5-11 | 181 | Orchard Park, NY | Liberty Univ. (ACHA) |
| 27 | Frank Schumacher | Veteran | 10/12/93 (32) | L | 6-2 | 205 | Brighton, MI | Port Huron Prowlers (FPHL) |
| 55 | Brendan Spinale | Pro | 12/05/01 (24) | L | 6-1 | 196 | Canton, MA | Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs (SPHL) |

Pronunciations: Schumacher (Shoe-mocker); Gerken (Gurr-kin); Spinale (Spin-Al-E)

## Goaltenders (2)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jack Hudec | Pro | 06/01/00 (26) | L | 5-10 | 176 | Downers Grove, IL | Summit City Distillers (MIHL) |
| 31 | Garrett Johnson | Pro | 12/9/02 (24) | L | 6-1 | 185 | Westminster, MA | Biloxi Breakers (FPHL) |

Pronunciations:

## Hockey Operations:

**Head Coach:** **Russ Parent**

**Associate Head Coach:** **Jay Croop**

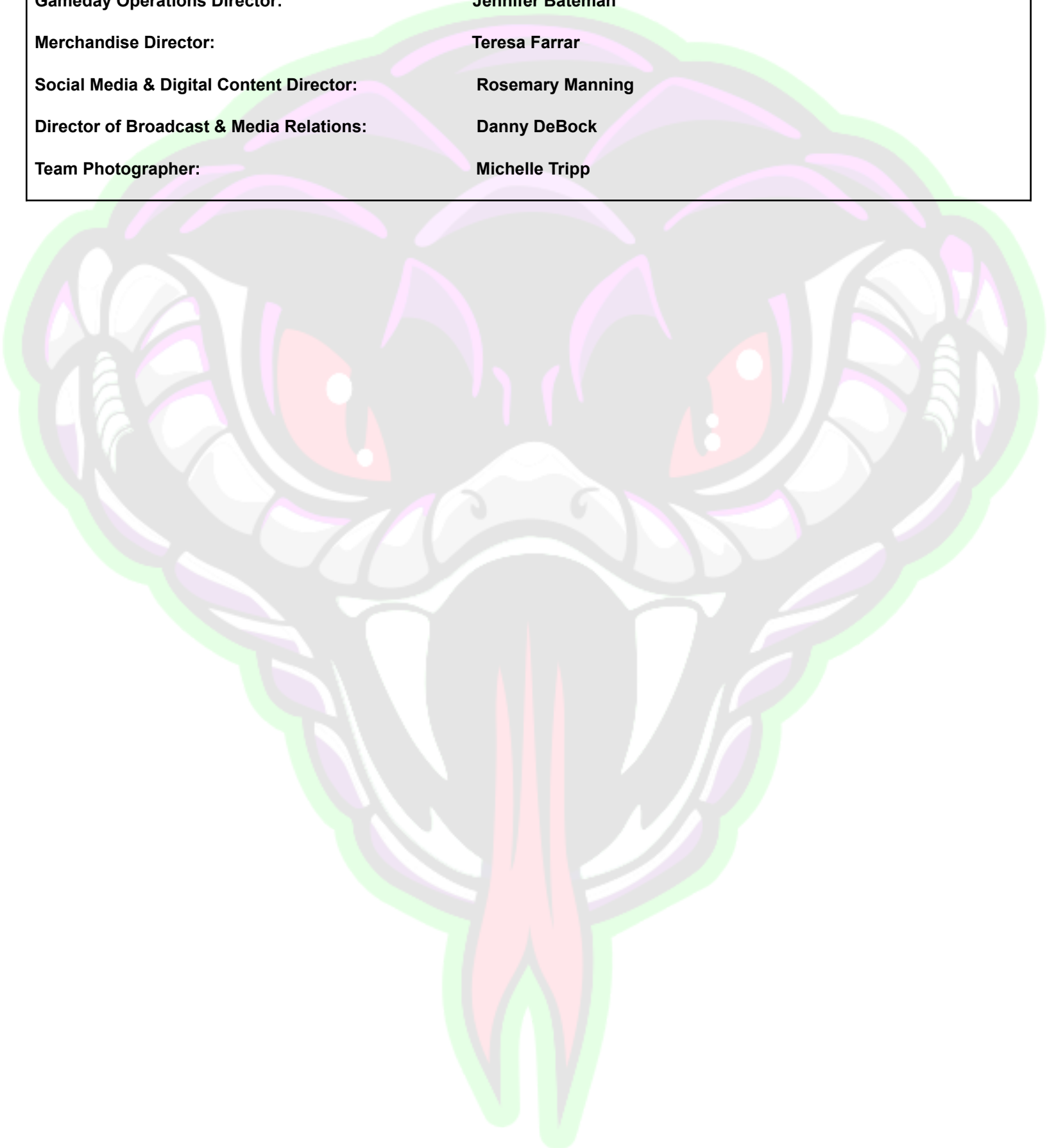
**Equipment Manager:** **Michael Roy**

**Team Athletic Trainer:** **Amy Baker**

## Front Office Staff:

**Chairman & CEO:** **Nicolas Perkin**

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| **Associate General Manager of Business Operations:** | **Chandler Garrett** |
| **Gameday Operations Director:** | **Jennifer Bateman** |
| **Merchandise Director:** | **Teresa Farrar** |
| **Social Media & Digital Content Director:** | **Rosemary Manning** |
| **Director of Broadcast & Media Relations:** | **Danny DeBock** |
| **Team Photographer:** | **Michelle Tripp** |



# Monroe Moccasins 2026-27 Regular Season Game Schedule

| Date: | Opponent: | Result: | Record | Score: | GWG: | GOALTENDER: | OPP GOALTENDER: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct 9th | Mid-South | Win | (1-0-0) | 6-3 | Jamie Dorsey (14:56 2nd) | Chris Branch (W, 3 GA, 23 SVs) | Tommy Nappier (L, 5 GA, 39 SVs) |
| Oct 10th | Mid-South | Win | (2-0-0) | 5-1 | Austin Pick (18:35 1st) | Chris Branch (W, 1 GA, 30 SVs) | Tommy Nappier (L, 4 GA, 35 SVs) |
| Oct 16th | @ Baton Rouge | Loss | (2-1-0) | 6-2 | Jason Brancheau (0:38 3rd) | Chris Branch (L, 5 GA, 42 SVs) | Ed Coffey (W, 2 GA, 17 SVs) |
| Oct 17th | Baton Rouge | Loss | (2-2-0) | 6-2 | Matt Stoia (0:55 3rd) | Chris Branch (L, 6 GA, 26 SVs) | Ed Coffey (W, 2 GA, 35 SVs) |
| Oct 23rd | @ Topeka | Loss | (2-3-0) | 8-1 | Scott Coash (16:02 1st) | Chris Branch (L, 8GA, 34SVs) | Sammy Bernard (W, 1GA, 24SVs) |
| Oct 24th | @ Topeka | Loss | (2-4-0) | 8-2 | Tyler Inlow (7:07 2nd) | Chris Branch (L, 6GA, 16SVs) | Sammy Bernard (W, 1GA, 18SVs) |
| Oct 30th | Twin City | Loss | (2-4-1) | 4-3 (SO) | Zach White (Shootout) | Bryn Somerfeldt (SOL, 3GA, 32SVs) | Ayvin Eidsness (SOW, 3GA, 52SVs) |
| Oct 31st | Twin City | Win | (3-4-1) | 7-4 | Jared Christy (5:45 2nd) | Garrett Johnson (W, 4GA, 15SVs) | Ayvin Eidsness (L, 2GA, 13SVs) |
| Nov 6th | Columbus | Win | (4-4-1) | 6-3 | Austin Pick (13:39 3rd) | Garrett Johnson (W, 3GA, 47SVs) | Trevor Babin (L, 5GA, 28SVs) |
| Nov 7th | Columbus | Loss | (4-5-1) | 5-3 | Ryan Galvin (5:58 3rd) | Garrett Johnson (L, 5GA, 18SVs) | Douglas Wakelyn (W, 3GA, 33SVs) |
| Nov 13th | @ Blue Ridge | 6:00p | | | | | |
| Nov 14th | @ Blue Ridge | 6:00p | | | | | |
| Nov 20th | @ Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Nov 21st | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Nov 27th | @ Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Nov 28th | @ Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Dec 4th | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Dec 5th | Baton Rouge | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Dec 9th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Dec 10th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Dec 18th | Oceanside | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Dec 19th | Oceanside | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Dec 29th | Mid-South | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Dec 31st | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 1st | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 2nd | @ Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 8th | Mid-South | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 9th | Mid-South | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 15th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Jan 16th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Jan 22nd | Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 23rd | Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 28th | Columbus | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Jan 29th | Columbus | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Feb 4th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Feb 5th | Mid-South | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Feb 12th | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Feb 13th | Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Feb 19th | @ Columbus | 6:35p | | | | | |
| Feb 20th | @ Columbus | 6:05p | | | | | |
| Feb 26th | @ Twin City | 6:35p | | | | | |

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| Feb 27th | @ Twin City | 5:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 5th | @ Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 6th | @ Baton Rouge | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 12th | @ Columbus | 6:35p | | | | | |
| Mar 13th | @ Columbus | 6:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 20th | @ Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 21st | @ Topeka | 4:05p | | | | | |
| Mar 26th | @ Indiana | 6:30p | | | | | |
| Mar 27th | @ Indiana | 6:30p | | | | | |
| Apr 2nd | Columbus | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Apr 3rd | Columbus | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Apr 9th | Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Apr 10th | Topeka | 7:05p | | | | | |
| Apr 16th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |
| Apr 17th | @ Mid-South | 7:00p | | | | | |

# FPHL Standings

## Western Conference

### Delta Division:

| Rank: | Team | Record: | Points: | +/- | Home: | Away: | Streak: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Baton Rouge Kingfish | (5-3-1) | 11 | +9 | (2-0-0) | (3-3-1) | O1 |
| 2. | Monroe Moccasins | (4-5-1) | 9 | -11 | (4-2-1) | (0-3-0) | L1 |
| 3. | Mid-South Monarchs | (4-6-1) | 9 | -14 | (2-1-1) | (2-4-0) | L1 |
| 4. | Columbus River Dragons | (4-4-0) | 8 | -3 | (1-1-0) | (3-3-0) | W1 |

### Frontier Division:

| Rank: | Team | Record: | Points: | +/- | Home: | Away: | Streak: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Fresno Falcons | (8-1-0) | 16 | +30 | (6-1-0) | (2-0-0) | W5 |
| 2. | Topeka Scarecrows | (5-1-0) | 10 | +14 | (4-1-0) | (0-0-0) | W1 |
| 3. | Minnesota Northern Lights | (4-5-1) | 9 | -8 | (2-3-1) | (1-2-0) | L2 |
| 4. | Stockton Thunder | (3-2-2) | 8 | -1 | (1-1-1) | (2-1-1) | W1 |
| 5. | Oceanside Shock | (1-7-2) | 3 | -29 | (1-4-2) | (0-3-0) | L3 |

## Eastern Conference

### Atlantic Division:

| Rank: | Team | Record: | Points: | +/- | Home: | Away: | Streak: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Binghamton Black Bears | (6-1-0) | 12 | +23 | (4-0-0) | (2-1-0) | W3 |
| 2. | Blue Ridge Bobcats | (5-1-2) | 12 | +10 | (2-0-1) | (3-1-1) | L1 |
| 3. | Twin City Thunderbirds | (5-1-0) | 10 | +6 | (1-0-0) | (4-1-0) | W2 |
| 4. | Danbury Hat Tricks | (4-5-0) | 8 | -10 | (3-4-0) | (1-1-0) | W2 |

### Great Lakes Division:

| Rank: | Team | Record: | Points: | +/- | Home: | Away: | Streak: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Port Huron Prowlers | (5-2-1) | 11 | +9 | (2-1-0) | (3-1-1) | L1 |
| 2. | Indiana Sentinels | (5-3-0) | 10 | +4 | (3-1-0) | (2-2-0) | W2 |
| 3. | Motor City Rockers | (4-3-1) | 9 | +5 | (0-1-0) | (4-2-1) | W1 |
| 4. | Watertown Wolves | (0-8-2) | 2 | -33 | (0-5-2) | (0-3-0) | L2 |

Tonight in the FPHL (All times Central): Baton Rouge @ Binghamton 6:00p; Monroe @ Blue Ridge 6:00p; Danbury @ Port Huron 6:05p; Stockton @ Motor City 6:30p; Mid-South @ Columbus 6:35p; Topeka @ Indiana 6:35p; Watertown @ Twin City 6:45p; Fresno @ Minnesota 7:00p