MONROE MOCCASINS GAME NOTES

Oct 23th: Monroe Moccasins (2-2-0) @ Topeka Scarecrows (2-0-0)

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: Monroe and Topeka met four times last season with the Moccasins winning the regular season series (3-0-1). The Moccasins won the first three meetings before Topeka claimed the final matchup in an overtime game.

SEASON SERIES: Tonight is the first of 10 meetings (four at home, six away) between the Moccasins and the Scarecrows. The two teams meet across Thanksgiving weekend in Topeka. Monroe and Topeka then will not meet again until the first meeting in Monroe the third weekend of January.

NEXT MEETING: Monroe and Topeka meet again tomorrow before the two teams reconvene in Topeka on Black Friday.

LAST TIME OUT: The Moccasins saw Corson Green and Sam Gagnon score their first goals of the season, but five unanswered goals by Baton Rouge handed the visitors a 6-2 win.

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 FRONTIER DIVISION: This is the first game for Monroe against the Frontier Division. The Moccasins play six games at home in the division and six away. The Moccasins face the Oceanside Shock (2) and Topeka Scarecrows (10) 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: Frank Schumacher plays in his 100th game in a Moccasins uniform, the most in the Moccasins' FPHL history. He is 23 games away from playing his 500th professional game.

WHO'S HOT: Austin Pick has three goals and two assists on the young season. The late season acquisition from last year has made an early impact in his second year with the Moccasins.

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. 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: The Moccasins return home on Friday October 30th as they welcome the Twin City Thunderbirds in a weekend series. The following weekend, Monroe welcomes the Columbus River Dragons in a rematch of their first round playoff meeting from last season.

Monroe Moccasins 2026-2027 Roster

Forwards (10)

#	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	Jordan Lalor	Pro	05/12/88 (38)		5-9	175	Needham, MA	Steel City Warriors (FHL)
8	Paul Arnott	Veteran	08/01/87 (39)	L	6-2	220	Holly, MI	Michigan Shadow (MIHL)
13	Dino Balsamo	Pro	12/23/95 (30)	L	5-11	185	St. Clair Shores, MI	Knoxville Ice Bears (SPHL)
16	Bret Bauer	Rookie	04/07/00 (26)	R	5-7	154	Bloomington, IL	Summit City Distillers (APHL)
24	Bradley Richardson	Pro	02/27/99 (27)	R	6-3	212	Baton Rouge, LA	Baton Rouge Zydeco (FPHL)
25	Josh Hill	Rookie	03/22/97		6-2	174	Davison, MI	Waterford Sharks (MIHL)
43	Andrew Bellant	Veteran	06/12/97 (29)	R	5-11	195	Clarkson, MI	Birmingham Bulls (SPHL)
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); Bellant (Buh-lawnt);

Defensemen (6)

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)
27	Frank Schumacher	Veteran	10/12/93 (32)	L	6-2	205	Brighton, MI	Port Huron Prowlers (FPHL)
33	Jamie Dorsey	Pro	12/15/96 (18)	L	6-2	215	Wilbraham, MA	Birmingham Bulls (SPHL)
55	Adam Vannelli	Pro	11/6/96 (29)	R	6-1	194	Apple Valley, MN	Columbus River Dragons (FPHL)

Pronunciations: Gerken (Gurr-kin); Schumacher (Shoe-mocker); Vannelli (Van-elli);

Goaltenders (2)

1	Chris Branch	Rookie	03/01/01 (25)	L	6-0	190	Yonkers, NY	Lebanon Valley College (NCAA DIII)
31	Stephen Dobbs	Rookie					Washington DC	Washington Capitals Warriors

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**
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	7:05p	(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	7:05p					
Oct 24th	@ Topeka	7:05p					
Oct 30th	Twin City	7:05p					
Oct 31st	Twin City	7:05p					
Nov 6th	Columbus	7:05p					
Nov 7th	Columbus	7:05p					
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					

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	(2-0-0)	4	+4	(1-0-0)	(1-0-0)	W2
2.	Monroe Moccasins	(2-2-0)	4	-1	(2-1-0)	(0-1-0)	L2
3.	Mid-South Monarchs	(1-3-0)	2	-9	(0-0-0)	(1-3-0)	W1
4.	Columbus River Dragons	(0-2-0)	0	-3	(0-0-0)	(0-2-0)	L2

Frontier Division:

Rank:	Team	Record:	Points:	+/-	Home:	Away:	Streak:
1.	Fresno Falcons	(3-1-0)	6	+10	(2-1-0)	(1-0-0)	L1
2.	Stockton Thunder	(2-0-1)	5	+4	(1-0-0)	(1-0-1)	W2
3.	Topeka Scarecrows	(2-0-0)	4	+3	(2-0-0)	(0-0-0)	W2
4.	Minnesota Northern Lights	(1-2-1)	3	-5	(1-0-1)	(0-2-0)	W1
5.	Oceanside Shock	(1-4-0)	2	-12	(1-2-0)	(0-2-0)	L2

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division:

Rank:	Team	Record:	Points:	+/-	Home:	Away:	Streak:
1.	Binghamton Black Bears	(3-0-0)	2	+9	(3-0-0)	(0-0-0)	W3
2.	Danbury Hat Tricks	(2-0-0)	2	+5	(2-0-0)	(2-0-0)	W2
3.	Blue Ridge Bobcats	(2-0-0)	2	+3	(2-0-0)	(0-0-0)	W2
4.	Twin City Thunderbirds	(0-0-0)	0	0	(0-0-0)	(0-0-0)	T0

Great Lakes Division:

Rank:	Team	Record:	Points:	+/-	Home:	Away:	Streak:
1.	Indiana Sentinels	(2-2-0)	4	+3	(2-0-0)	(0-2-0)	L2
2.	Motor City Rockers	(1-0-1)	3	+2	(0-0-0)	(1-0-1)	O1
3.	Port Huron Prowlers	(0-1-1)	1	-6	(0-0-0)	(0-1-1)	O1
4.	Watertown Wolves	(0-2-1)	0	-8	(0-1-1)	(0-1-0)	O1

Tonight in the FPHL: Blue Ridge @ Watertown 6:05p; Twin City @ Danbury 6:30p Binghamton @ Columbus 6:35p; Baton Rouge @ Mid-South 7:00p; Monroe @ Topeka 7:05p; Fresno @ Stockton 9:11p Minnesota @ Oceanside 9:30p