



CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

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2024-25 CHECKERS SCHEDULE

October (5-1-0-0; Home 3-1-0-0, Away 2-0-0-0)

12	Sat.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	7-6 W
13	Sun.	at	Bridgeport	3-0 W
18	Fri.		CLEVELAND	5-2 W
19	Sat.		CLEVELAND	2-4 L
25	Fri.		BRIDGEPORT	8-2 W
26	Sat.		BRIDGEPORT	5-2 W

November (2-1-0-1; Home 1-1-0-0, Away 1-0-0-1)

2	Sat.	at	Hershey	4-2 W
3	Sun.	at	Hershey	3-4 L (SO)
9	Sat.		TORONTO	4-3 L
10	Sun.		TORONTO	4-3 W (OT)
15	Fri.	at	Hartford	
16	Sat.	at	Springfield	
19	Tue.	at	Hartford	
22	Fri.	at	Springfield	
23	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
29	Fri.		IOWA	
30	Sat.		IOWA	

December (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

6	Fri.		ROCHESTER	
7	Sat.		ROCHESTER	
11	Wed.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
13	Fri.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
14	Sat.	at	Hershey	
17	Tue.		SPRINGFIELD	
18	Wed.		SPRINGFIELD	
21	Sat.		BRIDGEPORT	
22	Sun.		BRIDGEPORT	
28	Sat.	at	Lehigh Valley	
29	Sun.	at	Hershey	
31	Tue.	at	Lehigh Valley	

January (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

3	Fri.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
10	Fri.		HERSHEY	
11	Sat.		HERSHEY	
14	Tue.		MILWAUKEE	
15	Wed.		MILWAUKEE	
18	Sat.		HARTFORD	
19	Sun.		HARTFORD	
22	Wed.	at	Iowa	
24	Fri.	at	Milwaukee	
25	Sat.	at	Milwaukee	
28	Tue.	at	Iowa	
31	Fri.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	

February (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

1	Sat.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
7	Fri.	at	Hartford	
8	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
15	Sat.		HARTFORD	
16	Sun.		HARTFORD	
22	Sat.		HERSHEY	
23	Sun.		HERSHEY	
28	Fri.	at	Cleveland	

March (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

1	Sat.	at	Cleveland	
4	Tue.		SPRINGFIELD	
5	Wed.		SPRINGFIELD	
8	Sat.		LEHIGH VALLEY	
9	Sun.		LEHIGH VALLEY	
12	Wed.	at	Rochester	
15	Sat.	at	Toronto	
16	Sun.	at	Toronto	
19	Wed.	at	Utica	
21	Fri.	at	Rochester	
22	Sat.	at	Utica	
25	Tue.		PROVIDENCE	
26	Wed.		PROVIDENCE	
29	Sat.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
30	Sun.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	

April (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

4	Fri.	at	Providence	
5	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
6	Sun.	at	Providence	
12	Sat.		UTICA	
13	Sun.		UTICA	
16	Wed.	at	Hartford	
18	Fri.	at	Springfield	
19	Sat.	at	Springfield	

CHECKERS VS WOLF PACK - FRI. NOV, 15TH - 7:00 PM



7-2-0-1
3RD IN ATLANTIC
 HC: GEORDIE KINNEAR
 AC: BOBBY SANGUINETTI

5-5-1-1
6TH IN ATLANTIC
 HC: GREG POTULNY
 AC: PAUL MARA, JAMIE TARDIF



LAST TIME OUT

The Checkers got some overtime heroics on Sunday, knocking off the Toronto Marlies, 4-3. John Leonard netted the game-winner with 1:21 remaining in the overtime period, and pushed the Checkers to their seventh win of the season in game ten. courtesy of John Leonard to salvage a weekend split with the Toronto Marlies. Charlotte also got goals from Trevor Carrick, Ryan McAllister, Kyle Criscuolo, and Wilmer Skoog in the contest. For Carrick, it was a three point night in total as he added two assists to his goal, while Ryan McAllister stretched his goal-scoring streak to three straight with his marker in the first second period. It was another display of power-play perfection for the Checkers who went 4-for-7 against the Marlies whom entered the game with a perfect 100% kill rate. Charlotte leads the AHL with a 40.4% conversion rate on the man-advantage, nearly 12% better than the next highest converting team, Lehigh Valley. Ken Appleby turned aside 22 of the 26 shots he faced in the win, his third victory of the season.

POWER-PLAY POINTS

Due to the success of the Checkers on the power-play, they boast a couple of players at the top of the AHL's power-play scoring sheet. Kyle Criscuolo is tied for the league lead in PPG with four, while Trevor Carrick is not far behind with three. Carrick also leads the AHL in power-play assists with six and power-play points with nine.

MAKING THEM COUNT

Pinpoint precision has been the name of the game for Kyle Criscuolo and Aidan McDonough, both of whom sit in the Top-5 in the AHL in shooting percentage. Criscuolo has scored on five of the 12 shots he's taken this season, good enough for a shooting percentage of 41.7% which is third best in the AHL. McDonough sits in fifth, having converted on nine of the 23 shots he's taken (39.1%).

SCOUTING THE OPPONENT

The Hartford Wolf Pack come into Friday's meeting having lost their last two games. Most recently, they were on the losing end of a 4-2 final in Providence where the Bruins jumped out to a 3-1 lead in the second that proved to be too large for the Wolf Pack to overcome. Providence benefitted from two power-play goals in the game, which dropped Hartford's PK to second-worst in the AHL. Keep an forwards Benoit-Olivier Groulx, Brett Berard. The duo sits atop the Hartford scoring list with Groulx leading the way with a balanced 5G, 5A season so far. Also near the top is former Checker, and highest scoring Hartford defenseman, Casey Fitzgerald who's earned seven points (1G, 6A) on the season to this point. In goal, the Wolf Pack deploy a familiar tandem of Dylan Garand and Louis Domingue, with the former having the better success to start the year. Garand, the fourth year Wolf Pack netminder, is 4-1-1-0 to start the year with a 2.76 GAA and 0.906 SV%. Domingue hasn't fared quite as well with a 1-4-1-0 record, a 4.14 GAA, and .875 SV%.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 11/11 DAVIES, Josh recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 11/10 BLACK, Cooper recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 11/7 BLACK, Cooper loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 11/7 DAVIES, Josh loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 11/6 LUFF, Matt released from PTO
- 11/1 GILES, Patrick loaned from NHL Florida
- 10/22 ZABANEH, Nicholas loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 10/21 GABER, Riese recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 10/21 HUGHES, Riley loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 10/16 STEEVES, Ben recalled from ECHL Savannah

ATLANTIC DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
Hershey	14	10	3	1	0	21
W-B/Scranton	12	8	3	1	0	17
CHECKERS	10	7	2	0	1	15
Lehigh Valley	12	6	3	2	1	15
Providence	12	6	6	0	0	12
Hartford	12	5	5	1	1	12
Springfield	13	4	8	1	0	9
Bridgeport	13	2	9	1	1	6

2024-25 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS TEAM ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	S/C	Hometown	2023-24 Team(s)
1	GUZDA, Mack	G	6'5	215	L	Knoxville, TN	Charlotte (AHL)
2	BENNING, Michael	D	5'9	177	R	St. Albert, AB	Charlotte (AHL)
3	KIERSTED, Matt	D	6'0	185	L	Elk River, MN	Charlotte (AHL)
4	MEGNA, Jaycob^	D	6'6	220	L	Plantation, FL	Chicago (NHL)/Coachella Valley (AHL)
5	CARRICK, Trevor^	D	6'2	175	L	Stouffville, ON	San Diego (AHL)
6	STEEVES, Ben*	F	5'9	170	L	Bedford, NH	Minnesota-Duluth (NCAA)/Charlotte (AHL)
8	VANDE SOMPEL, Mitch	D	5'11	190	L	London, ON	Charlotte (AHL)/Chicago (AHL)
9	ASPLUND, Rasmus^	F	5'11	185	L	Filipstad, SWE	Charlotte (AHL)
10	LOCKWOOD, Will	F	6'0	180	R	Royal Oak, MI	Florida (NHL)/Charlotte (AHL)
13	BEZEAU, Riley	F	6'0	188	R	Rothsay, NB	Charlotte (AHL)
14	HOVORKA, Mikulas	D	6'6	229	R	Prague, CZE	Ceske Budejovice (Czech)
15	CRISCUOLO, Kyle^	F	5'9	175	R	Southampton, NJ	Utica (AHL)
17	DAVIES, Josh*	F	5'9	197	L	Airdrie, AB	Portland (WHL)
18	ENTWISTLE, Mackenzie	F	6'3	203	R	Georgetown, ON	Chicago (NHL)
19	LEONARD, John	F	5'11	196	L	Westwood, NJ	Arizona (NHL)/Tucson (AHL)
21	DALPE, Zac^	F	6'2	193	R	Paris, ON	Charlotte (AHL)
23	McALLISTER, Ryan	F	5'10	182	L	London, ON	Charlotte (AHL)
24	SOURDIF, Justin	F	5'11	185	R	Richmond, BC	Florida (NHL)/Charlotte (AHL)
25	SKOOG, Wilmer	F	6'2	196	L	Stockholm, SWE	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (ECHL)
27	ALSCHER, Marek*	D	6'3	198	L	Kladno, CZE	Portland (WHL)
28	McDONOUGH, Aidan	F	6'2	205	L	Milton, MA	Abbotsford (AHL)
29	VILMANIS, Sandis*	F	6'1	192	L	Riga, LAT	Sarnia (OHL)/North Bay (OHL)
31	BLACK, Cooper	G	6'8	223	L	Alpena, MI	Dartmouth (NCAA)
35	APPLEBY, Ken	G	6'4	210	L	North Bay, ON	New York Islanders (NHL)/Bridgeport (AHL)/Worcester (ECHL)
36	GILES, Patrick	F	6'5	217	R	Chevy Chase, MD	Charlotte (AHL)
38	OKULIAR, Oliver	F	6'0	182	L	Trencin, SVK	Hradec (CZECH)
39	GABER, Riese	F	5'8	165	R	Gilbert Plains, MB	North Dakota (NCAA)
40	BJORNFOT, Tobias	D	6'1	200	L	Upplands Vasby, SWE	Vegas (NHL)/Florida (NHL)/Henderson (AHL)
44	ARMSTRONG, Jamie	F	6'1	192	R	Warwick, RI	Boston College (NCAA)
60	DRIEDGER, Chris	G	6'4	210	L	Winnipeg, MB	Seattle (NHL)/Coachella (AHL)

* - Rookie ^ - Veteran

General Manager: Paul Krepelka	Equipment Manager: Chris Fournier
Head Coach: Geordie Kinnear	Asst. Equipment Manager: Eric Cosentino
Asst. Coach: Bobby Sanguinetti	Athletic Trainer: Zach Casinelli
Goaltending Coach: Sylvain Rodrigue	Strength & Conditioning Coach: Matt Murray
Video Coach: Will Cook	Broadcaster: TJ Chillot
Dir. of Player Personnel: Derek Wilkinson	PR: Paul Branecky, Nick Niedzielski

Pronunciations

1 gooz-DUH	21 DAL-pee
3 KEER-stid	25 WIL-muhr SKOOG
5 cair-ICK	27 MAIR-eck ALL-shur
8 VAN-duh SOHM-puhl	28 SAHN-diss VILL-muh-niss
9 RAZ-muhs ASS-plend	39 GAY-bur
13 BEE-zoh	38 AWL-ee-vuhr oh-COOL-yar
14 MICK-ooo-luss huh-VOR-kuh	40 toh-BYE-us BYORN-foot
15 criss-COH-loh	60 DREE-guhr
18 EHNT-wiss-uhl	

GAME NOTES

CURRENT INDIVIDUAL STREAKS			
Stat	Player	Dates	Games (Qty)
Goals	McAllister	11/03/2024 - Present	3
Assists	Benning	11/03/2024 - Present	3
Points	Benning	11/03/2024 - Present	3
	McAllister	11/03/2024 - Present	3
	Criscuolo	11/09/2024 - Present	2

SEASON-HIGH INDIVIDUAL STREAKS			
Stat	Player	Dates	Games (Qty)
Goals	McDonough	10/12/2024 - 10/18/2024	3
	Criscuolo	10/25/2024 - 11/03/2024	3
	McAllister	11/03/2024 - Present	3
Assists	Carrick	10/12/2024 - 11/09/2024	6
Points	Carrick	10/12/2024 - 11/09/2024	7

CURRENT TEAM STREAKS			
		Games	Dates
OVERALL	Winning	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Losing		
	Points	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Winless		
HOME	Winning	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Losing		
	Points	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Winless		
AWAY	Winning		
	Losing		
	Points	4	10/25/2024 - Present
	Winless	1	11/03/2024 - Present

SEASON-HIGH TEAM STREAKS			
		Games	Dates
OVERALL	Winning	3	Twice
	Losing	1	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024
	Points	4	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Winless	2	11/03/2024 - Present
HOME	Winning	2	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Losing	1	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024
	Points	2	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Winless	2	11/03/2024 - Present
AWAY	Winning	3	10/12/2024 - 11/03/2024
	Losing		
	Points	4	10/12/2024 - Present
	Winless	1	11/03/2024 - Present

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS (TEAM)						
Most Goals (Game)	8		10/25/2024 vs BRI	Most goals against (Game)	6	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most PP Goals (Game)	4		Twice	Most PP goals against (Game)	2	Several Times
Most SH Goals (Game)	2		10/12/2024 at WBS	Most SH goals against (Game)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR
Fastest Goal (Game)	1:34 (1st)		10/12/2024 at WBS (Megna)	Fastest goal against (Game)	2:30 (1st)	11/2/2024 at HER
Two Fastest Goals	1:11		10/12/2024 at WBS	Two fastest goals against	2:10	10/19/2024 vs CLE
Largest Winning Margin	6		10/25/2024 vs BRI (8-2)	Largest losing margin	2	10/19/2024 vs CLE
Most goals (Period)	5 (2nd)		10/25/2024 vs BRI	Most goals against (Period)	2	Twice
Most PP goals (Period)	3		10/26/2024 vs BRI	Most PP goals against (Period)	1	Several Times
Most SH goals (Period)	1		10/12/2024 at WBS (Twice)	Most SH goals against (Period)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR
Fastest goal (Period)	:25 (2nd)		10/26/2024 vs BRI	Fastest goal against (Period)	0:51	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most shots (Game)	40		10/26/2024 vs BRI	Most shots against (Game)	37	10/12/2024 at WBS
Fewest shots (Game)	27		11/03/2024 at HER	Fewest shots against (Game)	12	10/26/2024 vs BRI
Most shots combined (Game)	75		10/12/2024 at WBS	Fewest shots combined (Game)	53	11/2/2024 at HER
Most shots (Period)	17 (2nd)		10/12/2024 at WBS	Most shots against (Period)	15 (1st)	10/12/2024 at WBS
Fewest shots (Period)	7		Several Times	Fewest shots against (Period)	4	Several Times
Most shots combined (Period)	31 (2nd)		10/12/2024 at WBS	Fewest shots combined (Period)	13 (3rd)	10/18/2024 vs CLE
Most PIM (Game)	24		10/25/2025 vs BRI	Most opponent PIM (Game)	24	10/25/2024 vs BRI
Fewest PIM (Game)	10		Twice	Fewest opponent PIM (Game)	6	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most combined PIM (Game)	48		10/25/2024 vs BRI	Fewest combined PIM (Game)	48	10/25/2024 vs BRI
Most PIM (Period)	16 (1st)		10/25/2024 vs BRI			
Most opponent PIM (Period)	9 (1st)		10/18/2024 vs CLE			
Most combined PIM (Period)	14		Several Times			

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS (INDIVIDUAL)						
Most goals (Game)	3		10/12/2024 at WBS (McDonough)	Most goals against (Game)	3	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most assists (Game)	4		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo)	Most assists against (Game)	2	Several
Most points (Game)	4		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo)	Most points against (Game)	4	11/10/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most PP goals (Game)	2		10/18/2024 vs CLE (McDonough)	Most PP goals against (Game)	1	Twice
Most PP assists (Game)	2		Several	Most PP assists against (Game)	1	Twice
Most PP points (Game)	3		11/10/2024 vs TOR (Carrick)	Most PP points against (Game)	1	Several
Most SH goals (Game)	1		10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH goals against (Game)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Blandisi)
Most SH assists (Game)	1		10/13/2024 at BRI (Kiersted)	Most SH assists against (Game)		
Most SH points (Game)	1		Several	Most SH points against (Game)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Blandisi)
Most shots (Game)	6		Several	Most shots against (Game)	6	10/25/2024 vs BRI (Jefferies)
Most PIM (Game)	5		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Bezeau)	Most PIM against (Game)	5	Several
Highest +/- (Game)	+2		Several Players	Highest +/- against (Game)	+2	Several
Lowest +/- (Game)	-2		Several Players	Lowest +/- against (Game)	-2	Several
Most goals (Period)	3 (1st)		10/18/2024 vs CLE	Most goals against (Period)	2	11/10/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most assists (Period)	3		10/18/2024 vs CLE (McAllister)	Most assists against (Period)	2	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)
Most points (Period)	2		10/18/2024 vs CLE (McAllister)	Most points against (Period)	2	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)
Most PP goals (Period)	2		10/18/2024 vs CLE (McDonough)	Most PP goals against (Period)	1	Several
Most PP assists (Period)	1		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo, McAllister)	Most PP assists against (Period)	1	Several
Most PP points (Period)	1		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo, McAllister)	Most PP points against (Period)	1	Several
Most SH goals (Period)	1		10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH goals against (Period)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most SH assists (Period)	1		10/13/2024 at BRI (Kiersted)	Most SH assists against (Period)		
Most SH points (Period)	1		10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH points against (Period)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most PIM (Period)	5		10/18/2024 vs CLE (Bezeau)	Most PIM against (Period)	5	Several
Most saves (Game)	37		10/12/2024 at WBS (Driedger)	Most opponent saves (Game)	31	10/12/2024 at WBS (Larsson)
Most saves (Period)	13		10/12/2024 at WBS (Driedger)	Most opponent saves (Period)	15	10/12/2024 at WBS (Larsson)

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME-BY-GAME DETAILS

Gm	Date	Opp	W/L	Score	Record	Pts	%	Std. Div/Conf.	Goalie	Scorers	Shots		PP		PIM	
											CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP
1	10/12	@WBS	W	7-6	1-0-0-0	2	1.000	1/1	Driedger	Megna, Entwistle, McDonough (3), Carrick, Asplund	38	37	1/3	1/7	14	6
2	10/13	@BRI	W	3-0	2-0-0-0	4	1.000	1/1	Appleby	McDonough, Asplund (2)	38	21	1/6	0/7	14	12
3	10/18	vs CLE	W	5-2	3-0-0-0	6	1.000	1/1	Driedger	Lockwood, McDonough (3), Vilmanis, Okuliar	31	24	2/4	1/3	17	15
4	10/19	vs CLE	L	2-4	3-1-0-0	6	0.750	2/3	Appleby	Leonard, Luff	25	30	1/4	1/6	10	14
5	10/25	vs BRI	W	8-2	4-1-0-0	8	0.800	2/3	Driedger	Vilmanis, McDonough, McAllister, Criscuolo, Luff, Asplund, Carrick, Benning	32	36	3/6	1/6	24	24
6	10/26	vs BRI	W	5-2	5-1-0-0	10	0.833	2/3	Black	Okuliar, Skoog, McAllister, Criscuolo (2)	40	12	4/8	0/4	12	20
7	11/2	@HER	W	4-2	6-1-0-0	12	0.857	2/3	Appleby	Leonard (2), Criscuolo, Asplund	29	24	2/2	1/5	10	6
8	11/3	@HER	SOL	3-4	6-1-0-1	13	0.813	3/5	Black	Bezeau, Benning, McAllister	27	16	1/4	1/4	8	8
9	11/9	vs TOR	L	3-4	6-2-0-1	13	0.722	3/7	Driedger	McDonough (2), McAllister	31	25	0/3	2/6	14	8
10	11/10	vs TOR	OTW	4-3	7-2-0-1	15	0.750	3/10	Appleby	Carrick, McAllister, Criscuolo, Skoog	31	26	4/7	2/4	10	16