

***KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT***  
**Friday, Dec. 7 vs. Arizona**  
**Saturday, December 8 at Austin**

***THIS WEEKEND'S GAMES***

The Killer Bees (7-9-3, 17 pts.) host the Arizona Sundogs (13-4-1, 27 pts.) on Friday, then travel to Austin to face the Ice Bats (5-13-1, 11 pts.) on Saturday for the second time in a week. The Bees are 0-3-1 in their last four games. Last weekend the team faced its first three-in-three this season and earned a point in a 3-2 shootout loss at Austin. Entering this week's action, the team held the No. 2 spot in the Southeast Division by five points over Corpus Christi and six points over Austin, and trailed division leader Laredo by 16 points. Arizona began the week at Corpus Christi on Wednesday with a 5-1 Kid's Day win, extending their winning streak to five games.

Austin played three straight shootouts last weekend, losing Friday to Corpus Christi, then beating Rio Saturday and Corpus on Sunday. They traveled to Texas to face the Brahmas on Tuesday and lost 4-1. The Bats visit Tulsa on Friday.

***OVERVIEW***

The month of December sees RGV hit the road for almost two full weeks after beginning the month with home games vs. Youngstown and Arizona. After traveling to Austin for a game on Dec. 8, the team returns home to practice and pack for a trip that begins at Amarillo on Dec. 14. The Bees visit New Mexico the following night, then bus to Arizona on Dec. 16. The team will base operations there for the week, culminating with games against the Sundogs on Dec. 21 and 23. The Bees will board the bus and arrive back in Hidalgo sometime late on Christmas Eve. Rio then hosts Corpus Christi on Dec. 28 and 29 before heading to Laredo on New Year's Eve for the second year in a row. Of the 11 games in December, 10 are against Southern Conference foes and five are against Southeast Division rivals.

***WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW***

- The Bees signed LW **Ladislav Kouba** and C **Mike Tuomi** yesterday and placed **Dennis Maxwell** on 14-day IR retroactive to Dec. 1.
- Rookie **Josh Bonar** has scored six of his eight goals in the last nine games.
- **Lance Herauf** has six points (2-4-6) since being acquired from Tulsa.
- Saturday, Dec. 1 was **Jeremy Van Hoof's** 400<sup>th</sup> career regular season game.
- Rio is 2-1-0 vs. Southwest Division teams this season and 5-5-3 vs. Southeast Division Rivals.
- Historically in **December**, the Bees are 23-23-4, including marks of 13-10-4 at home and 10-13-0 on the road.
- **Dennis Maxwell's** empty-netter at Corpus Christi on Nov. 24 was his second goal of the night and 200<sup>th</sup> (regular season) of his career.
- **Maxwell** had points (5-10-15) in seven consecutive games until the shutout at Laredo on Nov. 27. The streak was one of the longest in team history. Trevor Weisgerber had a team-record seven-game streak in 2005-06. That record was eclipsed by **Rob Voltera** last season; he strung together points (8-11-20) in 10 straight games.
- **Voltera** needs 10 PIM to reach 1500 for his career.
- Starting with the Friday, Nov. 23 game, the Bees play **10 of 13 games on the road**. The team plays at home on Dec. 2 (Youngstown) and Dec. 7 (Arizona) and does not play at the Hive again until Dec. 28 (Corpus Christi). The Bees travel to Austin on Dec. 8, return home and then pack for nearly two weeks on the bus.
- Rio's all time record stands at **119-124-28 (17 SOL)** (271 games played).
- The Sundogs are led by November CHL Player of the Month Tyler Redenbach, who entered the week fourth in league scoring (8-24-32)
- The Dogs are currently riding a five-game win streak, with three wins coming at home over the Austin Ice Bats, an OT win in Rocky Mountain and a 5-1 win at Corpus.

***BROADCAST INFO***

**Friday and Saturday**

**Radio:** KURV 710 Talk Radio (Rich Bocchini)

**TV:** none

\* No CHL Network feed on Saturday

**Internet Audio:** killerbeehockey.com via allinbroadcasting.com

**Internet Video:** CHL Network ([www.nifty-tv.com/chl](http://www.nifty-tv.com/chl))

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***LEADERS (as of Dec. 4)***

**Points:** Maxwell (21)

**Goals:** Voltera (8)

**Assists:** Maxwell (14)

**PIM:** Voltera (47)

**+/-:** Maxwell, Van Hoof (+3)

**PPG:** Voltera, Bonar (3)

**PPA:** Maxwell (6)

**SHG:** Banga (1)

**GWG:** O'Leary, Voltera (2)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times CST**

| #  | Day             | Date        | Visitor             | Home              | Time    |
|----|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------|
|    | <b>December</b> |             |                     |                   |         |
| 20 | Friday          | December 7  | arizona @           | RIO GRANDE VALLEY | 7:35 PM |
| 21 | Saturday        | December 8  | rio grande valley @ | AUSTIN            | 7:38 PM |
| 22 | Friday          | December 14 | rio grande valley @ | AMARILLO          | 7:05 PM |
| 23 | Saturday        | December 15 | rio grande valley @ | NEW MEXICO        | 7:15 PM |
| 24 | Friday          | December 21 | rio grande valley @ | ARIZONA           | 7:35 PM |
| 25 | Sunday          | December 23 | rio grande valley @ | ARIZONA           | 6:05 PM |
| 26 | Friday          | December 28 | corpus christi @    | RIO GRANDE VALLEY | 7:35 PM |
| 27 | Saturday        | December 29 | corpus christi @    | RIO GRANDE VALLEY | 7:35 PM |
| 28 | Monday          | December 31 | rio grande valley @ | LAREDO            | 8:00 PM |

**TRANSACTIONS**

| DATE     | TRANSACTION  |  |
|----------|--|--|
| 11/21/07 | DEL Masse, David (LW) placed on team suspension            | 11/12/07 ADD Bergh, Al (G) added as emergency goaltender   |
| 11/17/07 | ADD OLeary, Mark (F) activated from IR                     | 11/11/07 DEL Lemanowicz, David (G) granted leave by league |
| 11/17/07 | DEL Joseph, Marlon (RW) waived                             | 11/09/07 ADD Fuller, Tyler (D) activated from IR           |
| 11/16/07 | ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) signed contract                     | 11/09/07 DEL Stastny, Dan (F) waived                       |
| 11/14/07 | DEL Looby, Mike (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers                 | 11/03/07 DEL OLeary, Mark (F) placed on 14 day IR          |
| 11/14/07 | DEL Bergh, Al (G) waived                                   | 11/01/07 ADD Hedberg, Jon (D) signed contract              |
| 11/14/07 | ADD Lemanowicz, David (G) activated from leave by league   | 11/01/07 ADD Silver, Jared (F) activated from IR           |
| 11/14/07 | ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers | 10/27/07 DEL Joseph, Marlon (RW) placed on 14 day IR       |
| 11/12/07 | ADD Joseph, Marlon (RW) activated from IR                  | 10/20/07 DEL McNeill, Dan (D) placed on 30 day IR          |
|          |  | 10/19/07 DEL Silver, Jared (F) placed on 14 day IR         |
|          |  | 10/19/07 DEL Fuller, Tyler (D) placed on 14 day IR         |

**TEAM VS. TEAM**

**Vs. Arizona**

|         |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2006-07 | Arizona | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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**Season Notes:** First of three meetings...The teams meet again in Arizona on Dec. 21 and 23...The Sundogs are led by November CHL Player of the Month **Tyler Redenbach**, who entered the week fourth in league scoring (8-24-32)...Redenbach currently owns the CHL's longest point streak at 16 games (every game he's played this season) and scored the short-handed, game-winning goal against the Rage Friday November 30th with 23 seconds left...He has 11 multi-point games and seven three-point games...The Sundogs have a record of 12-3-1 with Redenbach in the lineup and a record of 1-1 without him...Redenbach has been called up once this season to the San Antonio of the AHL...**ON THE ROAD AGAIN** – The Sundogs are in the midst of playing 12 of 15 games away from Tim's Toyota Center. This current seven-game trip started last Friday in Rocky Mountain with a 4-3 OT win over the Rage. The Rage won the first meeting in OT 5-4 on October 27th. The Sundogs will play six teams on the trip (Corpus Christi twice), with five of those teams facing the Sundogs for the first time this season. The Sundogs are currently 5-3-1 away from Prescott Valley...**SUNDOGS ARE STILL STREAKIN'** – The Sundogs have a total of 13 wins on the season, and all but one has come in the form of a streak. The Sundogs won three straight to start the season, and then won four straight from October 31st to November 9th, and now are currently riding a five-game win streak, with three wins coming at home over the Austin Ice Bats, an OT win in Rocky Mountain and a 5-1 win at Corpus. The longest win streak in franchise history is seven, which happened from February 14th to February 28th, 2007. Six of those wins were at home...**ROOKIES FITTING IN NICELY** – The Sundogs entered the week with four of the top 12 rookie scoring leaders on their roster, including forward **Mark Kolanos**, who led all CHL rookies with 20 points through 17 games. Forward **Dusty Collins**, an Arizona native, was tied for third with 17 points in 17 games, and defenseman **Sean Sullivan** was tied for seventh with 14 points in 13 games despite being recalled by the San Antonio Rampage of the AHL on November 18th. He had missed the four Sundogs games before returning for Tuesday's game. Last season, **Karl Sellan** paced all Sundogs rookies with 43 points in 57 games, ranking 12th. **Chris Greene** was 22nd with 25 points in 63 games...**SPECIAL TEAMS HAVE BEEN SPECIAL** – The Sundogs lead the league in both power play percentage (26%) and power play goals (29). In their game against Austin on November 24th, they tied a franchise record with five power play goals. Their penalty kill is much improved, too. In a six-game span to start the season, the Sundogs surrendered 10 goals to opponents on the power play in their first 25 chances. In their last 11 games, opponents have scored 10 times in their last 71 chances. The Sundogs are also the only team in the CHL yet to give up a short-handed goal. They have scored twice short-handed.....both goals scored by Tyler Redenbach.

**Vs. Austin**

|         |        |    |    |    |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |    |   |   |
|---------|--------|----|----|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| 2003-04 | Austin | 12 | 8  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 6  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4  | 0 | 0 |
| 2004-05 | Austin | 10 | 4  | 6  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4  | 0 | 0 |
| 2005-06 | Austin | 9  | 5  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1  | 1 | 1 |
| 2006-07 | Austin | 12 | 5  | 5  | 1 | 1 | 4  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4  | 0 | 0 |
|         |        | 43 | 22 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 1 |

**Season Notes:** This is the fourth of 12 meetings this season and the second visit to Austin...Austin took a 4-1 win on Oct. 27 at the Dodge...Rio responded with a 5-2 win on Nov. 16 in which the Bees had a single period high 24 shots in the first...Austin's Miguel Beaudry stopped all seven Rio shooters to earn a 3-2 shootout win on Dec. 1...The Bees are 2-for-26 on the power play while Austin is 5-for-24...Josh Bonar, Rob Voltera, Lance Herauf and Dennis Maxwell all have 1-2-3 totals vs. the Bats...Jamie Thompson (2-1-3) leads Austin in the season series...Brendan Cook entered the week tied for the CHL lead with three SHG...Zech Klann entered the week in the Top 15 in rookie scoring...The teams don't face each other again until Feb. 15 at Austin...The teams square off five times in March.

**PAST RESULTS**

- 10/27/07 Austin 4 at Rio Grande Valley 1
- 11/16/07 Austin 2 at Rio Grande Valley 5
- 12/01/07 Rio Grande Valley 2 at Austin (SOL)

## KILLER BEES GOALIE NOTES

### Lemanowicz

- Is 0-4-1 in his last five starts with a 3.38 GAA and .910 save percentage...has faced 38 or more shots in four of his last five outings.
- Made 38 saves in 3-2 SOL at Austin on Dec. 1.
- Made 36 saves in 3-2 loss at Texas on Nov. 23, his first game action in two weeks.
- Made 30 saves in 3-0 loss to Odessa on Nov. 9.
- Made 24 saves in a 5-4 won over Corpus Christi on Nov. 2.
- Made 46 saves vs. Amarillo in a 3-2 win on Oct. 26 (as of Nov. 12 tied for CHL season high).
- Made 40 saves in his first game as a Bee on Oct. 19; 3-2 win over Corpus Christi.
- Won a President's Cup Championship with Laredo in 2006.
- Served as a practice goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2004.
- Drafted by the Florida Panthers in 1995 (9<sup>th</sup> round).

### Van Nynatten

- Made 29 saves in a 2-1 loss vs. Laredo on Nov. 30.
- Made 36 saves in a 6-4 win at Corpus Christi on Nov. 24. The win improved his unbeaten streak to 4-0.
- Named Oakley CHL Goalie of the Week Award for the period ending Nov. 18. Went 2-0-1 with a .932 save percentage and a 3.00 GAA.
- Earned first win of the season with 33 saves in a 5-2 win over Austin on Nov. 16.
- Made 51 saves including a franchise-record 27 in the second period in a 3-2 OTL at Laredo on Nov. 13.
- Made 37 saves in 4-2 loss to Youngstown on Nov. 11.
- Made 19 saves in 4-1 loss to Austin on Oct. 27.
- Made 37 saves in 4-3 SOL at Corpus Christi on Oct. 20.
- Set a franchise playoff record with 58 saves at Laredo on March 30, 2007 in a 4-3 win in Game 1.
- Earned first pro win with 24 saves in second pro start at Laredo on October 28, 2006.
- Played college hockey at Niagara; ranks first on CHA chart in career wins and minutes.
- Made an NCAA season-high 59 saves in a 7-1 loss at Minnesota on Jan. 7, 2006.

## KILLER BEES PLAYER NOTES

### EDINGER ENDS DROUGHT

After Adam Edinger scored the team's first goal of the season, he was held without a goal until Nov. 21 vs. New Mexico, a stretch of 11 games. His power-play tally at 8:12 of the second period put the Bees up 2-1 at the time. He scored the game-winner at Corpus Christi on Nov. 24.

### LUCK OF THE IRISH

The Bees are 3-0 when Mark O'Leary scores a goal. Two of his goals this season have been game-winners.

### MULTI-POINT MOJO

Rio is 6-0 when Rob Voltera or Dennis Maxwell post multiple points.

### MILESTONES –as of 12/04/07

400<sup>th</sup> game – Jeremy Van Hoof (18<sup>th</sup> game – accomplished Dec. 1 at Austin)

200<sup>th</sup> goal – Adam Edinger (22<sup>nd</sup> goal – 19 needed)

400<sup>th</sup> point (Adam Edinger (21<sup>st</sup> point – 14 needed)

500<sup>th</sup> game – Rob Voltera (43<sup>rd</sup> game – 24 needed)

1500<sup>th</sup> PIM – Rob Voltera (57<sup>th</sup> PIM – 10 needed)

200<sup>th</sup> game – Travis Banga (33<sup>rd</sup> game – 14 needed)

200<sup>th</sup> point – Travis Banga (8<sup>th</sup> point – reached 11/2/07 vs. Corpus Christi with second goal)

100<sup>th</sup> goal – Travis Banga (16<sup>th</sup> goal – 10 needed)

200<sup>th</sup> goal – Dennis Maxwell (7<sup>th</sup> goal – reached with 2<sup>nd</sup> goal Nov. 24 at Corpus Christi)

300<sup>th</sup> assist – Dennis Maxwell (34<sup>th</sup> assist – 20 needed)

500<sup>th</sup> point – Dennis Maxwell (41<sup>st</sup> point – 20 needed)

2700<sup>th</sup> PIM – Dennis Maxwell (64<sup>th</sup> PIM – 28 needed)

3000<sup>th</sup> PIM – Dennis Maxwell (364<sup>th</sup> PIM – 328 needed)

100<sup>th</sup> win – David Lemanowicz (10<sup>th</sup> win – 7 needed)

7000<sup>th</sup> save – David Lemanowicz (662<sup>nd</sup> save – 380 needed)

1000<sup>th</sup> save – Jeff Van Nynatten (180<sup>th</sup> save – reached on Nov. 16 with 9<sup>th</sup> save)

101<sup>st</sup> win – Paul Fixter (1<sup>st</sup> win of the season)

## KILLER BEES TEAM NOTES (as of Dec. 4)

### GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 2-2-2 when scoring first this season and 5-7-1 when allowing opponents to score first. Rio is 45-10-4 in the past two seasons (2005-06, 06-07) when scoring first. Conversely, they are 16-44-9 when allowing the first goal. Around the league this season (as of Dec. 4), the team that scores first is 92-46-13, or wins 60.9% of the time. Teams that score first have earned 13 OT points, which brings the percentage of scoring first and getting at least a point to 69.5%. Last season teams that scored first were 364-128-52, or won 66.9% of the time.

### OPPONENTS LIKE THE FIRST FIVE

Rio has allowed the first goal within the first five minutes of play on six occasions this season and within the first one minute two times. The Bees have also allowed the first goal of the game 39 seconds into the second period.

### SLOW OPENING 20

The Bees have been held scoreless in the first period on eight occasions. The team has scored one goal seven times and has scored two goals four times. Amarillo has scored the fewest first period goals this season (9), while Wichita (10) Tulsa (12) Bossier (13) and Mississippi (14) have also had slow opening periods.

### ONE GOAL BEES

RGV is 3-2-3 in one goal games this season.

### FOUR SCORE AND MORE

The Bees are 7-0-0 when they score four or more goals this season.

### EARLY LEADS

Rio is 3-0-1 when leading after the first period and 5-1-0 when leading after two. Interestingly, the Bees have been a good comeback team. They are 2-1-1 when trailing after the first and 2-3-1 when trailing after two.

### MONTH BY MONTH

-- Historically in November, the Bees are 17-27-3 (0 SOL) all time including marks of 9-15-3 at home and 8-12-0 on the road. The Bees went 5-7-1 this year (4-4-0 at home, 1-3-1 on the road).

-- The Bees went 2-1-1 in October. All time in October they've posted a 13-5-3 (3 SOL) record with an 8-3-1 record at home.

## **SITUATIONAL GOALS**

### GOALS FOR - 51

5-ON-5: 32  
5-ON-4: 13  
5-ON-3: 1  
4-ON-4: 2  
4-ON-3: 0  
4-ON-5: 1  
3-ON-5: 0  
EA: 0  
EN: 2  
SO: 0  
PS: 0

### GOALS AGAINST - 67

5-ON-5: 41  
5-ON-4: 18  
5-ON-3: 1  
4-ON-4: 1  
4-ON-3: 0  
4-ON-5: 3  
3-ON-5: 0  
EN: 2  
EA: 0  
SO: 2  
PS: 0

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

### POWER PLAY

- Went 6-for 51 (11.8%) in games 1-10.
- Went 2-for-7 vs. Youngstown on Dec. 2.
- Went 1-for-12 on the power play at Austin on Dec. 1.
- Went 1-for-6 vs. Laredo on Nov. 30.
- Held 0-for-6 at Laredo on Nov. 27.
- Went 1-for-5 vs. Corpus Christi on Nov. 24
- Went 2-for-8 vs. New Mexico on Nov. 21.
- Went 2-for-15 in two games Nov. 16-17.
- Had PPG in back to back games Nov. 1 and 2 (went 3-for-12).

### PENALTY KILL

- Went 7-for-61 (84.8%) in games 1-10.
- Held Laredo 0-for-7 on Nov. 30.
- Bucks went 1-for-5 on Nov. 27.
- Held Corpus Christi 1-for-6 on Nov. 24
- Allowed three PPG on 11 chances Nov. 17 vs. Corpus Christi.
- Held Austin 2-for-12 on Nov. 16 including two 5-on-3 situations.
- Held Laredo 0-for-5 on Nov. 3 after allowing power play goals in four consecutive games.

## **OVERTIME AND SHOOTOUTS**

### Overtime

Nov. 13, 2007 – 3-2 loss at Laredo (Serge Dube)

### Shootout

October 20, 2007 – 4-3 loss at Corpus Christi (Geno Parrish)

December 1, 2007 – 3-2 loss at Austin (Henry Kuster)

## **THE LAST TIME...**

### **A GAME WAS SCORELESS HEADING INTO OVERTIME**

3/3/06 @ Corpus Christi (CRP 1, RGV 0) OT, Nicklas Lindberg, GWG

### **A GAME WAS DECIDED IN OVERTIME**

#### Home-

RGV Win: 2/17/07 vs. Tulsa (3-2, Matt Medley, GWG)

RGV Loss: 11/11/06 vs. Austin (6-5, T. Virtue, GWG)

#### Away-

RGV Win: 2/23/07 at Odessa (2-1, Jason Cirone, GWG)

RGV Loss: 11/13/07 at Laredo (3-2, Serge Dube, GWG)

### **A GAME WAS DECIDED IN A SHOOTOUT**

#### Home-

RGV Win: 3/11/07 vs. Austin (4-3, Jason Cirone)

RGV Loss: 1/09/07 vs. Austin (3-2, J. Smith)

#### Away-

RGV Win: 3/24/07 at Austin (5-4, Matt Medley)

RGV Loss: 12/01/07 at Austin (3-2, Henry Kuster)

### **KILLER BEES SHUTOUT**

#### Home-

RGV Win: 3/20/07 vs. Austin (4-0, Jeff Van Nynatten, 25 saves)

RGV Loss: 11/09/07 vs. Odessa (3-0, Alex Vincent, 28 saves)

#### Away-

RGV Win: 11/24/06 at Bossier-Shreveport (3-0, J. Symington, 31 saves)

RGV Loss: 11/27/07 AT Laredo (5-0, Dustin Traylen, 25 saves)

### **HAT TRICK**

RGV - 12/11/05 vs. Laredo (Daymen Bencharksi, 1st period, natural hat trick)

Opponent – 3/11/07 vs. Austin (Mike Tucciarone)

### **ATTEMPTED PENALTY SHOTS**

RGV: 12/8/06 vs. Corpus Christi (Jon Robert vs. Ron Vogel, no goal)

Opponent: 01/06/07 at Austin (Tim Earl vs. Jeremy Symington, no goal)

### **SCORED ON A PENALTY SHOT**

RGV: 2/20/07 at Arizona (Dennis Maxwell vs. Kris Mayotte)

Opponent: N/A

### **GOALTENDER RECORDED AN ASSIST**

RGV: 11/21/07 vs. New Mexico (Jeff Van Nynatten)

Opponent