

KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT
Friday, December 21 at Arizona (7:35 PM MST)
Sunday, December 23 at Arizona (6:05 PM MST)

TONIGHT'S GAME

The Killer Bees (8-11-4, 20 pts.) continue their five-game road trip with games on Friday and Sunday against the Arizona Sundogs (17-6-1, 35 pts.). These two games conclude the road trip in which the Bees are 0-2-1 so far.

The Bees entered the week with a two point advantage over Corpus Christi for the No. 2 spot in the Southeast Division and a seven point lead over Austin. That lead dwindled to a single point over the Rayz on Wednesday. The Rayz fell to Arizona 6-5 in overtime. Arizona gave up a 4-2 lead but battled late in the game to tie things at 5-5. Chris Bartolone scored in overtime for the win.

The Sundogs lead the Southwest Division with 35 points and are tied for the second-most wins (17) in the league.

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 LATEST MOVES** --- **Dan McNeill** returned to the lineup on Dec. 14 after missing the previous 19 games with an injury. **Jared Silver** was waived to make room for McNeill. **Dennis Maxwell** returned from the IR on Dec. 15 after missing four games. **Jason Slusher** was placed on the 14-day IR on Dec. 15.
- **WHO'S HOT?** --- **Travis Banga** has points in four straight games (1-3-4); **Dennis Maxwell** returned from IR Saturday and had a goal and an assist; **Lance Herauf** has points in five of six games (3-4-7) and had the game-winner on Dec. 7; **Josh Bonar** has goals (3) in three of five games and two in a row; **Ladislav Kouba** has points (2-2-4) in all four games since signing with Rio; **Dan McNeill** had an assist in Friday's game, his first game since October 20.
- Rio has struggled to score goals, **averaging just 2.74 per game** (CHL average is 3.28). Their 24 goals on the road are the third lowest in the league behind Tulsa (17) and Wichita (13).
- The Bees have **allowed 34 or more shots in 18 of the 23 games** they've played this season, averaging a CHL-high 39 shots against per game.
- **Rob Voltera** needs six PIM to reach 1500 for his career.
- Rio is 3-2-2 vs. Southwest Division teams this season and 5-6-3 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.
- **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 (8-11-19) in 10 straight games.
- 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 **120-126-29 (17 SOL)** (275 games played).

BROADCAST INFO

Friday

Radio: KURV 710 Talk Radio (Rich Bocchini)

TV: none

Internet Audio: killerbeehockey.com via allinbroadcasting.com

Internet Video: CHL Network (www.nifty-tv.com/chl)

Listen in the Arena: 93.5 FM

Email contact during broadcasts: radio@killerbeehockey.com

Sunday

Radio: ESPN Radio 1240 AM (Rich Bocchini)

TV: none

LEADERS (as of Dec. 17)

Points: Banga, Maxwell (23)

Goals: Bonar (10)

Assists: Banga (16)

PIM: Voltera (51)

+/-: Bonar (+3)

PPG: Voltera (4)

PPA: Maxwell (7)

SHG: Banga (1)

GWG: O'Leary, Voltera (2)

REGENT GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	Score
Dec01	at Austin	OTL	2-3**
Dec02	Youngstown	L	2-7
Dec07	Arizona	W	4-3
Dec08	at Austin	L	2-5
Dec14	at Amarillo	OTL	3-4*
Dec15	at New Mexico	L	3-10

UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times CST

#	Day	Date	Visitor	Home	Time
<u>December</u>					
24	Friday	December 21	rio grande valley @	ARIZONA	8:35 PM
25	Sunday	December 23	rio grande valley @	ARIZONA	7:05 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
12/15/07	ADD Maxwell, Dennis (LW) activated from IR
12/14/07	DEL Silver, Jared (F) waived
12/14/07	ADD McNeill, Dan (D) activated from IR
12/08/07	DEL Slusher, Jason (D) placed on 14 day IR
12/07/07	ADD Tuomi, Mike (C) signed contract
12/06/07	ADD Kouba, Ladislav (F) signed contract
12/01/07	DEL Maxwell, Dennis (LW) placed on 14 day IR
11/21/07	DEL Masse, David (LW) placed on team suspension
11/17/07	ADD OLeary, Mark (F) activated from IR
11/17/07	DEL Joseph, Marlon (RW) waived
11/16/07	ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) signed contract
11/14/07	DEL Looby, Mike (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers
11/14/07	DEL Bergh, Al (G) waived
11/14/07	ADD Lemanowicz, David (G) activated from leave by league
11/14/07	ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers
11/12/07	ADD Joseph, Marlon (RW) activated from IR
11/12/07	ADD Bergh, Al (G) added as emergency goaltender
11/11/07	DEL Lemanowicz, David (G) granted leave by league
11/09/07	ADD Fuller, Tyler (D) activated from IR
11/09/07	DEL Stastny, Dan (F) waived
11/03/07	DEL OLeary, Mark (F) placed on 14 day IR
11/01/07	ADD Hedberg, Jon (D) signed contract
11/01/07	ADD Silver, Jared (F) activated from IR
10/27/07	DEL Joseph, Marlon (RW) placed on 14 day 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: Second of four meetings...The teams meet again in Hidalgo on January 8...The Sundogs are without November CHL Player of the Month **Tyler Redenbach**, who entered the week fourth in league scoring (12-32-44)...Redenbach was recalled to San Antonio on Dec. 18...He has at least a point in all 22 games he's appeared in entering this week's action...The Sundogs are 2-1 without him... **LAST MEETING:** The Bees won the first meeting of the season on **Lance Herauf's** game-winner and 37 saves by David Lemanowicz
Jeremy Van Hoof had a goal and two assists...Redenbach had two assists...Rio went 0-for-5 on the power play while Arizona went 2-for-9.

PAST RESULTS

12/07/07 Arizona 3 at Rio Grande Valley 4

KILLER BEES GOALIE NOTES

Lemanowicz

- Made 37 saves in 4-3 win over Arizona on Dec. 7. Made 20 second period stops.
- Prior to Friday, Dec. 7, was 0-4-1 in his previous 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 (9th round).

Van Nynatten

- Made a franchise record 56 saves in a 4-3 OTL at Amarillo on Dec. 14.
- 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 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.
- 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.

FIRST STRIKE KOUBA

Ladislav Kouba has points in three games as a Bee (2-2-4). He had a goal in each of his first two games. He scored the first goal vs. Arizona on Dec. 7, something to which he's become accustomed to. In the 2006 playoffs vs. Rio, three of his six goals were the first of the game. In 11 games with Laredo last season, two of his four goals vs. Rio were first goals. He also played one game with Arizona vs. Rio, again scoring the first goal and adding two assists. Kouba has 10 first goals in the previous two seasons, five of which came against Rio.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

The Bees are 3-0-1 when **Mark O'Leary** scores a goal. Two of his goals this season have been game-winners.

MULTI-POINT MOJO

Rio is 6-1 when **Rob Voltera** or **Dennis Maxwell** post multiple points.

MILESTONES –as of 12/17/07

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

200th goal – Adam Edinger (22nd goal – 18 needed)

400th point – Adam Edinger (21st point – 12 needed)

500th game – Rob Voltera (43rd game – 21 needed)

1500th PIM – Rob Voltera (57th PIM – 6 needed)

200th game – Travis Banga (33rd game – 11 needed)

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

100th goal – Travis Banga (16th goal – 9 needed)

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

300th assist – Dennis Maxwell (34th assist – 19 needed)

500th point – Dennis Maxwell (41st point – 18 needed)

2700th PIM – Dennis Maxwell (64th PIM – 26 needed)

3000th PIM – Dennis Maxwell (364th PIM – 326 needed)

100th win – David Lemanowicz (10th win – 6 needed)

7000th save – David Lemanowicz (662nd save – 308 needed)

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

101st win – Paul Fixter (1st win of the season)

KILLER BEES TEAM NOTES (as of Dec. 17)

GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 2-2-3 when scoring first this season and 6-9-1 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.

THE ANNUAL DECEMBER BLOWOUT?

New Mexico's 10-3 win over the Bees on Dec. 15 was the latest in lopsided December scores the Bees have been a part of over the years.

Dec. 31, 2003 – 6-1 loss at Laredo

Dec. 17, 2004 – 8-2 loss at Laredo

Dec. 3, 2005 – 11-2 win vs. Austin

Dec. 10, 2006 – 9-4 loss at Laredo

Dec. 15, 2007 – 10-3 loss at New Mexico

NEW MEXICO STINGS BEES FOR FRANCHISE RECORDS

The Bees 10-3 loss at New Mexico was the largest margin of defeat in a regular season game. The team also allowed a franchise record seven first period goals (most in any period). New Mexico's Konrad Reeder set opponent records for most points and assists in one game (six). He fell one helper shy of tying a CHL record for assists in a game.

AUSTIN SETS OPPONENT RECORD FOR FASTEST GOALS

Austin scored eight seconds apart (14:51, John Ronan and 14:59, Henry Kuster) on Dec. 8, setting the record for fastest two goals by an opponent.

ONE GOAL BEES

RGV is 4-2-4 in one goal games this season.

FOUR SCORE AND MORE

The Bees are 8-0-0 when they score four or more goals this season.

HOLDING ON

Rio is 4-0-2 when leading after the first period and 6-1-0 when leading 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 - 63

5-ON-5: 40
5-ON-4: 17
5-ON-3: 1
4-ON-4: 2
4-ON-3: 1
4-ON-5: 1
3-ON-5: 0
EA: 0
EN: 2
SO: 0
PS: 0

GOALS AGAINST - 89

5-ON-5: 51
5-ON-4: 23
5-ON-3: 4
4-ON-4: 2
4-ON-3: 0
4-ON-5: 5
3-ON-5: 0
EN: 2
EA: 0
SO: 2
PS: 0

SPECIAL TEAMS

POWER PLAY

- Went 9-for-66 (13.6%) in games 11-20.
- 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 14-for-73 (80.8%) in games 11-20.
- Went 7-for-61 (84.8%) in games 1-10.
- New Mexico went 5-for-11 on Dec. 15.
- 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)
Dec. 14, 2007 – 4-3 loss at Amarillo (Grant Selinger)

Shootout

October 20, 2007 – 4-3 loss at Corpus Christi (Geno Parrish)
December 1, 2007 – 3-2 loss at Austin (Henry Kuster)

Shootout stats

Player	Attempts/Goals
19 – Voltera	1/2
39 – Banga	1/2
94 – Maxwell	0/2
16 – Herauf	0/1
15 – Edinger	0/1
11 – Bonar	0/1
22 – Hedberg	0/1

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: 12/14/07 at Amarillo (4-3, Grant Selinger, 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 – 12/15/07 at New Mexico (Craig MacDonald, all in 1st)

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