

***KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT***  
**Sunday, December 23 at Arizona (6:05 PM MST)**

***TONIGHT'S GAME***

The Killer Bees (8-12-4, 20 pts.) conclude their five-game road trip today against the Arizona Sundogs (18-6-1, 37 pts.). Tonight's game concludes the road trip in which the Bees are 0-3-1 so far. After tonight's game, the Bees will bus an estimated 24 hours back to McAllen, Texas.

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 as the Rayz fell to Arizona 6-5 in overtime. With Rio idle last night and Corpus winning 4-3 over Amarillo, the Rayz have taken over second place in the division.

The Sundogs lead the Southwest Division with 37 points and are tied for the second-most wins (18) in the league. The Dogs have won six in a row at home and four in a row overall.

***QUICK RECAP***

The Bees dropped a 10-6 decision to Arizona on Friday. The Dogs took leads of 4-1, 5-2 and 6-4, only to see the Bees tie things in the third period. Arizona regained the lead just 24 seconds after the Bees tied the game and rattled off three more goals in the final stanza. Lance Herauf had a goal and two assists while Mike Tuomi had a goal and a helper. Arizona peppered David Lemanowicz with 53 shots. It was the third time in four games the Bees have allowed 43 or more shots

***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 five straight games (2-3-5); Dennis Maxwell returned from IR last Saturday and had a goal and an assist; Lance Herauf has points in six of seven games (4-6-10) and had the game-winner on Dec. 7; Josh Bonar has goals (3) in three straight; Ladislav Kouba has points (2-2-4) in four of five games since signing with Rio; Dan McNeill had an assist in Friday's game, his first game since October 20.
- Rio's 69 goals scored is the fourth lowest total in the league.
- The Bees have **allowed 34 or more shots in 19 of the 24 games** they've played this season, averaging a CHL-high 39 shots against per game. Their 949 shots allowed are the third highest in the CHL.
- Rob Voltera had 11 PIM's in Friday's game, pushing his career total to 1505.
- Rio is 3-3-2 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 **120-127-29 (17 SOL)** (276 games played).

***BROADCAST INFO***

**Sunday**

**Radio:** ESPN Radio 1240 AM (Rich Bocchini)

**TV:** none

**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. 22)***

**Points:** Banga, Maxwell (25)

**Goals:** Bonar (11)

**Assists:** Maxwell (17)

**PIM:** Voltera (62)

**+/-:** Van Hoof (+2)

**PPG:** Voltera, Banga (4)

**PPA:** Maxwell (8)

**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
Dec21	at Arizona	L	6-10

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times CST

#	Day	Date	Visitor	Home	Time
	<b>December</b>				
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:** Third 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... **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** 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  
 12/07/07 Rio Grande Valley 6 at Arizona 10

## 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 (9<sup>th</sup> 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** had points in his first four 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 6-2 when **Rob Voltera** or **Dennis Maxwell** post multiple points.

### MILESTONES –as of 12/22/07

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 – 18 needed)

400<sup>th</sup> point – Adam Edinger (21<sup>st</sup> point – 12 needed)

500<sup>th</sup> game – Rob Voltera (43<sup>rd</sup> game – 20 needed)

1500<sup>th</sup> PIM – Rob Voltera (57<sup>th</sup> PIM – reached Dec. 21 at Arizona with 6<sup>th</sup> PIM)

200<sup>th</sup> game – Travis Banga (33<sup>rd</sup> game – 10 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 – 8 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 – 17 needed)

500<sup>th</sup> point – Dennis Maxwell (41<sup>st</sup> point – 16 needed)

2700<sup>th</sup> PIM – Dennis Maxwell (64<sup>th</sup> PIM – 26 needed)

3000<sup>th</sup> PIM – Dennis Maxwell (364<sup>th</sup> PIM – 326 needed)

100<sup>th</sup> win – David Lemanowicz (10<sup>th</sup> win – 6 needed)

7000<sup>th</sup> save – David Lemanowicz (662<sup>nd</sup> save – 308 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. 17)

### GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 2-3-3 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 8-1-0 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 - 69

5-ON-5: 42  
5-ON-4: 19  
5-ON-3: 1  
4-ON-4: 4  
4-ON-3: 1  
4-ON-5: 1  
3-ON-5: 0  
EA: 0  
EN: 2  
SO: 0  
PS: 0

### GOALS AGAINST - 99

5-ON-5: 56  
5-ON-4: 24  
5-ON-3: 4  
4-ON-4: 5  
4-ON-3: 0  
4-ON-5: 5  
3-ON-5: 0  
EN: 3  
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 1<sup>st</sup>)

### ATTEMPTED PENALTY SHOTS

RGV: 12/21/0 at Arizona (Rob Voltera vs. Bill Zaniboni, 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