

GAME NOTES**RGV Killer Bees vs. Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs**

Friday, January 11, 2008 - 7:35 PM - Dodge Arena - CHL Game # 264

Referee – Mark Lemelin

Linesmen – Brock Geris, Brad Duncan

RECENT CHL ACTION

TUE, JAN 08 Youngstown 2 vs Bossier-Shreveport 5
 TUE, JAN 08 Oklahoma City 6 vs Tulsa 4
 TUE, JAN 08 Mississippi 2 vs Wichita 4
 TUE, JAN 08 Arizona 6 vs Rio Grande Valley 5
 WED, JAN 09 Amarillo 2 vs Rocky Mountain 5
 WED, JAN 09 Wichita 2 vs Colorado 5
 WED, JAN 09 New Mexico 2 vs Corpus Christi 1 SO

TONIGHT'S CHL ACTION

FRI, JAN 11 Corpus Christi vs Amarillo
 FRI, JAN 11 Odessa vs Colorado
 FRI, JAN 11 Wichita vs Rocky Mountain
 FRI, JAN 11 Youngstown vs Mississippi
 FRI, JAN 11 Tulsa vs Texas
 FRI, JAN 11 Arizona vs Laredo
 FRI, JAN 11 New Mexico vs Austin

RGV KILLER BEES

Records:

Overall: 9-17-6 (24 pts)

Home: 8-8-2

Road: 1-9-4

OT: 0-3

SO: 0-3

GF/GA: 90/141

LAST GAME: 6-5L vs. ARZ

NEXT GAME: 1/12 vs. NMX

Special TeamsPP: 14th, 15.1% (28/185)PK: 16th, 78.8% (44/208)

Head Coach: Paul Fixter

Assistant Coach: Sean Gillam

Player/Asst. Coach: David Lemanowicz

Athletic Trainer: Jorge Garcia (HOR-HAY)

Equipment Manager: Doug Tretiak

BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS

Records:

Overall: 21-7-3 (45 pts.)

Home: 15-4-0

Road: 6-3-3

OT: 1-2

SO: 0-1

GF/GA: 97/61

LAST GAME: 5-2W vs. YNG

NEXT GAME: 1/12 at LAR

Special TeamsPP: 15th, 24.8% (30/204)PK: 4th, 86.5% (26/192)

Head Coach: Scott Muscutt

Assistant Coach: Trevor Buchanan

Athletic Trainer: George Bullock

Equipment Manager: Billy Welker

#	PLAYERS	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
3	Slusher, Jason	D	28	1	5	6	2	36
5	Fuller, Tyler	D	23	0	1	1	-8	35
9	Tuomi, Mike	C	13	3	8	11	-4	11
10	Van Hoof, Jeremy	D	32	3	10	13	-4	59
11	Bonar, Josh	RW	32	16	10	26	1	37
12	OLeary, Mark	F	29	5	10	15	-12	32
16	Herauf, Lance	LW	32	10	15	25	-10	22
18	Kouba, Ladislav	F	21	5	4	9	-12	16
19	Voltera, Rob	RW	32	12	19	31	-19	64
21	Warriner, Nick	C	32	3	7	10	-14	64
22	Hedberg, Jon	D	28	3	7	10	-8	35
23	McNeill, Dan	D	13	0	1	1	-12	13
26	Eason, TJ	D	32	1	3	4	-18	52
27	Silver, Jared	F	22	1	0	1	-6	8
29	Big Snake, Robin	F	25	1	7	8	-10	208
39	Banga, Travis	C	32	10	19	29	-14	58
47	Garbutt, Josh	D	29	4	11	15	-6	36
94	Maxwell, Dennis	LW	23	8	18	26	0	52

#	GOALTENDER	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SPCT.	SO
40	Lemanowicz, David	17	5	9	3	4.00	.901	0
49	Van Nynatten, Jeff	17	4	8	3	4.39	.889	0

Pronunciation Guide

11 – BAH-ner

16 – HAIR-off

18 – KOO-bah

39 – BUNG-uh

40 – luh-MAN-oh-vitch

49 – vuh-NY-natin

C – Voltera

A – Banga

A – Maxwell

A – Van Hoof

#	PLAYERS	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
7	Falk, Mike	F	1	0	0	0	1	0
8	Lightbody, Quade	D	31	0	3	3	13	88
9	Zirnis, Karlis	LW	28	5	15	20	16	39
11	Campbell, Jason	C	19	0	2	2	8	10
12	Cooper, Kevin	F	19	12	11	23	16	4
13	Pegoraro, Daniel	C	31	7	21	28	12	22
14	Brassard, Chris	RW	31	14	13	27	3	87
16	Aikins, Justin	RW	31	6	12	18	8	20
17	Fairbarn, Ryan	D	30	5	13	18	12	16
18	Labatte, Kevin	F	24	0	3	3	3	22
20	Poulsen, Neil	F	2	0	0	0	0	5
21	Lucas, Tyrel	RW	30	12	6	18	7	23
22	Godoy, Elias	C	27	8	16	24	8	24
23	York, Matt	D	3	0	1	1	2	4
24	Basile, Jason	D	16	0	5	5	9	20
26	Ortmeyer, Jake	D	31	2	5	7	5	49
36	Ori, Joe	LW	31	11	14	25	13	26
37	Miller, Derek	D	29	0	2	2	8	58
41	Smith, Brett	C	31	10	18	28	8	33
44	Lupul, Dale	D	28	4	8	12	16	36

#	GOALTENDER	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SPCT.	SO
1	Decaro, John	19	12	4	2	1.87	.936	1
34	Carroll, Ken	13	9	3	1	1.86	.937	0

Pronunciation Guide

13 – peg-uh-RARE-oh

14 – brah-SARD

18 – luh-BATT

22 – ee-LIE-us guh-DOY

24 – BAY-zuhl

KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 11 vs. Bossier-Shreveport (7:30 PM CST)

Saturday, January 12 vs. New Mexico (7:30 PM CST)

TONIGHT'S GAME

The Killer Bees (9-17-6, 24 pts.) host the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs (21-7-3, 45 pts.) on Friday for the first of two meetings. The teams will meet again on Jan. 27 at the Century Tel Center. The Killer Bees last saw action on Tuesday night, falling 6-5 to Arizona. The Bugs were at home and upended Youngstown 5-2 to widen the gap of their division lead.

Rio has struggled in the last month, winning just two games since Dec. 7 and going 1-8-3 in that time. There have been bright spots, however. Josh Bonar has emerged as one the top rookie goal-scorers in the league while Lance Herauf and Mike Tuomi seem to have clicked as of late. Rob Voltera and Travis Banga have provided consistent contributions. Killer Bees netminders have seen a ton of rubber. Despite the team's recent struggles, the Bees sit six points behind Corpus Christi for the fifth and final playoff spot in the Southern Conference.

The Bugs enter the weekend with a three-point lead over Youngstown for the Northeast Division lead. After dropping the first six games of the season (0-5-1), Bossier has been impressive. The team is 21-1-3 in its last 25 games and has strung together 15-straight home wins and 11 straight wins overall.

OVERVIEW

The Bees closed out a tough December in which the team has won just one game (1-7-3). A five-game road trip in the middle of the month produced one point (a 4-3 OTL at Amarillo) Rio was outscored 67-32 in December and allowed 476 shots (43.2 average). As such, the goaltending struggled, producing a 6.09 goals against average to go along with a save percentage of .859. The Bees finished minus-119 for the month.

The schedule doesn't get much easier in the New Year for the Bees. The first six games of 2008 have the Bees battling Laredo, Colorado, Corpus Christi, Arizona, Bossier-Shreveport and New Mexico after closing out 2007 at Laredo.

The team embarks on another marathon road trip in January with stops in Texas, Amarillo, Rocky Mountain, Colorado, Corpus Christi and Bossier-Shreveport. In all, the team will spend 12 days on the road from Jan. 17-27.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **THE LATEST MOVES** --- **Robin Big Snake** was acquired from Texas in exchange for the rights to **David Masses** on Jan. 8...**Josh Garbutt** was acquired from Tulsa in exchange for **Adam Blanchette** prior to the Jan. 6 game...**Adam Edinger** was waived on Dec. 28...**Jared Silver** was re-signed by the Bees on Dec. 28 and **Jason Slusher** was activated from the IR...**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.
- **WHO'S HOT?** --- **Josh Bonar** scored Rio's first hat trick in over two years on Jan. 8 vs. Arizona. He has points in nine of his last 11 games (8-4-12)...**Rob Voltera** had three assists Tuesday vs. Arizona...Linemates **Mike Tuomi** and **Lance Herauf** combined for eight points (4-4-8) over the three games last weekend...**Herauf** had two goals, including the game-winner, on Friday... **Herauf** has points in five of six games (3-4-7) and is averaging over a point per game since joining the Bees...**Tuomi** has points in three of four games...
- Rio's 90 goals scored is the fourth lowest total in the league while their 118 allowed is the most.
- Rio is 6-9-4 vs. Southeast Division teams this season and 3-5-2 vs. Southwest Division rivals.
- The Bees are 15-24-9 in January entering 2008 (15-10-2 at home, 4-17-6 on the road).
- **Rob Voltera** had 11 PIM's on Friday, Dec. 21, pushing his career total to 1505.
- Rio's all time record stands at **121-132-31 (18 SOL)** (284 games played).

HOLY SHOTS AND PANTS

Dave Lemanowicz is facing an average of 40 shots per night. Take away the two games in which he came in to relieve Jeff Van Nynatten (Dec. 15) and was pulled (and then re-inserted on Dec. 28) and Lemanowicz has faced fewer than 38 shots just twice. Removing those two games pushes his shots against average balloon to 41.7 (626 shots/15 appearances).

BANGA REACHES 200 PRO GAMES

Travis Banga has been selected as the lone representative for the Bees at the 2008 CHL All Star Game in Broomfield, Colorado on January 16. Friday's game will be the 200th (regular season) of pro his career.

BROADCAST INFO

Friday

Radio: KURV 710 AM (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

Saturday

Radio: KURV 710 AM (Dennis Scott)

TV: Televisa XERV-9, cable 19 (Rich Bocchini)

LEADERS (as of Jan. 10)

Points: Voltera (31)
Goals: Bonar (16)
Assists: Banga, Voltera (19)
PIM: Big Snake (208)
+/-: Slusher (+2)

PPG: Voltera (7)
PPA: Maxwell (9)
SHG: Banga (1)
GWG: Herauf, O'Leary, Voltera (2)

RECENT GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	(* - overtime, ** - shootout)
Dec15	at New Mexico	L	3-10	
Dec21	at Arizona	L	6-10	
Dec23	at Arizona	L	1-8	
Dec28	Corpus Christi	L	3-6	
Dec29	Corpus Christi	SOL	4-5**	
Dec31	at Laredo	L	2-6	
Jan04	Laredo	W	3-2	
Jan05	Colorado	OTL	2-3*	
Jan06	at Corpus Christi	L	1-6	
Jan08	Arizona	L	5-6	

RECENT GAME RECAPS

January 8, 2008 – ARIZONA 6, RGV 5

Josh Bonar scored Rio's first hat trick since Dec. 12, 2005 while Rob Voltera chipped in with six assists...Tyler Liebel's empty-netter turned out to be the GWG after RGV's Mark O'Leary scored with six seconds on the clock...Tyler Redenbach had two goals and a helper for the Sundogs...Dave Lemanowicz had 36 saves.

PP: 1-7 PK: 4-6 SF: 36 SA: 42

January 6, 2008 – CORPUS CHRISTI 6, RGV 1

Lance Herauf's goal 16 seconds into the game was the only offense the Bees could muster up...That goal set a franchise record for quickest goal from the start of a game...The previous record of 18 seconds was set on Feb. 26, 2006 by Matt Medley, ironically at Corpus Christi...Jon Jankus had four points (2-2-4), including three of his four (2-1-3) on the power play...Jeff Van Nynatten took the loss for Rio.

PP: 0-7 PK: 7-11 SF: 22 SA: 40

January 5, 2008 – COLORADO 3, RGV 2 (OT)

Colorado scored three unanswered goals, culminating with Aaron Schneekloth's game-winner one minute into OT...Mike Tuomi and Ladislav Kouba had the Rio goals, both of which came on the power play...Dave Lemanowicz made a personal season-high 53 saves...Including Friday's win vs. Laredo, Lemanowicz made 93 saves on 98 shots (.948%, 2.47 GAA)...The Bees retired Sean Gillam's No. 7 jersey prior to the game.

PP: 2-8 PK: 8-9 SF: 23 SA: 56

January 4, 2008 – RGV 3, LAREDO 2

The Bees snapped an eight-game winless skid (0-6-2) with a 3-2 win over the Bucks...Lance Herauf scored twice including the game-winner...Mike Tuomi had a goal and an assist including the primary helper on the winner...Dave Lemanowicz made 40 saves...The Bucks took a 2-0 lead on goals by James Hiebert and Jeff Bess...Andrew Desjardins had two helpers for Laredo...The Bees killed off a five-minute major penalty in the second period.

PP: 0-4 PK: 0-5 SF: 20 SA: 42

December 31, 2007 – LAREDO 6, RGV 2

The Bees fell 6-2 at Laredo on New Year's Eve...Rob Voltera and Nick Warriner scored the Rio goals...Rane Carnegie led the Bucks with two goals and a helper...Chris Korchinski had a goal and two assists...The Bees allowed 39 shots on goal...In the right previous games, they'd allowed 39 or more shots...Rio's three third period shots were a season low.

PP: 2-8 PK: 3-6 SF: 14 SA: 39

December 29, 2007 – CORPUS CHRISTI 5, RGV 4 (SO)

The Bees fell 5-4 in the shootout to Corpus Christi on Saturday...The Rayz were led by Joe Blaznek, who had a goal and two assists in regulation and also scored the only shootout tally...The Bees had a 4-2 lead in the third period on a pair of goals each by Rob Voltera and Josh Bonar...Bonar's second goal was his team-leading 13th...Dave Lemanowicz made 43 saves in the loss.

PP: 2-3 PK: 2-3 SF: 43 SA: 48

December 28, 2007 – CORPUS CHRISTI 6, RGV 3

Joe Blaznek had a goal and two assists while Brent Howarth notched three helpers in a 6-3 Rayz victory...The Bees had a 2-1 lead midway thru the first period on Travis Banga's ninth goal but Corpus responded with two power play goals (Niko Tuomi, Geno Parrish) to take the lead...Howarth's three assists came in the first period...Rio pulled an unusual double switch in net...Dave Lemanowicz started the game and allowed four goals on 14 shots in 22:01 of work...He was pulled after the fourth Corpus goal in favor of Jeff Van Nynatten...Van Nynatten made 15 saves on 17 shots in 17:59 of action...Lemanowicz returned for the third period and stopped all eight shots he faced.

PP: 0-4 PK: 1-4 SF: 34 SA: 39

UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times local

Day	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	Broadcast
January					
Friday	January 18	rio grande valley @	TEXAS	7:05 PM	KURV
Saturday	January 19	rio grande valley @	AMARILLO	7:05 PM	KURV
Tuesday	January 22	rio grande valley @	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	8:05 PM	NET
Wednesday	January 23	rio grande valley @	COLORADO	8:05 PM	ESPN
Saturday	January 26	rio grande valley @	CORPUS CHRISTI	8:05 PM	KURV
Sunday	January 27	rio grande valley @	BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT	4:05 PM	NET
February					
Friday	February 1	tulsa @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV
Saturday	February 2	rocky mountain @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV, TV
Friday	February 8	rio grande valley @	TULSA	7:35 PM	KURV

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION
01/06/08	ADD Garbutt, Josh (D) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers
01/06/08	DEL Blanchette, Adam (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers
12/28/07	ADD Slusher, Jason (D) activated from IR
12/28/07	DEL Edinger, Adam (C) waived
12/28/07	ADD Silver, Jared (F) signed contract
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. Bossier-Shreveport

Year	Opponent	G	A	P	SH	OT	SHO	TOT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	TOT
2003-04	Bossier-Shreveport	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
2004-05	Bossier-Shreveport	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
2005-06	Bossier-Shreveport	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
2006-07	Bossier-Shreveport	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
		11	4	5	0	2	2	2	0	1	2	3	0

Season Notes: First of two meetings...The teams meet again at Bossier on Jan. 27...The Bugs enter the weekend with the best 1-2 goalie punch in the CHL...Ken Carroll is 9-3-1 and leads the league with a 1.86 GAA...John DeCaro is 12-4-2 and has a second-best 1.87 GAA...The are 2nd and third, respectively, in save percentage at 9.37 and .936...The teams match up on the power play...RGV is 14th (15.1%) while Bossier is 15th (14.7%).

Vs. New Mexico

Year	Opponent	G	A	P	SH	OT	SHO	TOT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	TOT
2003-04	New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004-05	New Mexico	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2006-07	New Mexico	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
		4	1	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0

Season Notes: This is the third of three meetings... Five different Bees scored (Bonar, Edinger, O'Leary, Van Hoof, Herauf) in the first meeting on Nov. 21...Both teams scored two power play goals in the first meeting...The Scorpions throttled the Bees 10-6 on Dec. 15 at the Santa Ana Star Center...They scored seven times in the first period and went 5-for-11 on the power play.

PAST RESULTS

11/21/07 New Mexico 2 at Rio Grande Valley 5
 12/15/07 Rio Grande Valley 3 at New Mexico 10

RGV

--- POWER PLAYS ---				--- GOALS BY PERIOD ---					--- SHOTS BY PERIOD ---					
G	ADV	SH	PCT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	SHO	TOT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	TOT
4	11	0	0.364	1	6	1	0	0	8	19	27	14	0	60

NMX

--- POWER PLAYS ---				--- GOALS BY PERIOD ---					--- SHOTS BY PERIOD ---					
G	ADV	SH	PCT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	SHO	TOT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	TOT
7	19	0	0.368	7	1	4	0	0	12	32	20	21	0	73

KILLER BEES GOALIE NOTES

Lemanowicz

- **LAST WIN:** Jan. 4, 2008 vs. Laredo (3-2)...Made 40 saves.
- Prior to Jan. 4 was winless in his last five decisions...is 1-8-2 in his last 11 games...
- Prior to Friday, Dec. 7, was 0-4-1 in his previous five starts with a 3.38 GAA and .910 save percentage...had 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

- **LAST WIN:** Nov. 24, 2007 at Corpus Christi (6-4)...Made 36 saves including 15 in the third period in a come-from-behind win.
- Is winless in his last five decisions (0-4-1)...Has faced an average of 41.4 shots in those games.
- Made a franchise record 56 saves on a record 60 shots 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

MULTI-POINT LANCE

Lance Herauf is averaging over a point per game since being acquired from Tulsa. Six of his 19 games in a Rio uniform have been of the multiple point variety.

BONAR CHIPPING AWAY

Josh Bonar has scored goals in three consecutive games two times this season (Nov. 21-24 and Dec. 14-21). The rookie out of Brock University is fourth in rookie goal scoring with 13 as of Jan. 1. He scored his first pro hat trick on Jan. 8 vs. Arizona.

EASON EATS PUCK

Defenseman **TJ Eason** took a puck in the bottom of the mouth on Dec. 21 at Arizona and left the game. After spending the night at the dentist and resting on the team's off-day, he was able to return for the Dec. 23 game at Arizona. He reportedly received 18 stitches.

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

MILESTONES –as of 01/10/08

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

500th game – Rob Voltera (43rd game – 11 needed)

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

200th game – Travis Banga (33rd game – 1 needed)

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

100th goal – Travis Banga (16th goal – 6 needed)

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

300th assist – Dennis Maxwell (34th assist – 176 needed)

500th point – Dennis Maxwell (41st point – 15 needed)

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

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

100th win – David Lemanowicz (10th win – 5 needed)

7000th save – David Lemanowicz (662nd save – 50 needed)

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

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

POWER PLAY UP, PK DOWN

Rio's power play has steadily improved through each 10-game segment this season while the PK has steadily declined. As recent as last November, the PP was ranked 14th at 11.9% while the PK was 3rd at 87.7%. As of Jan. 1, the PP had improved to 15.7% (11th) while the PK had dropped to 13th (79.1%).

POWER PLAY

Games 1-10: 6/51 (11.7%, record 3-5-2)
Games 11-20: 9/66 (13.6%, record 5-4-1)
Games 21-30: 12/55 (21.8%, record 1-6-3)

PENALTY KILL

Games 1-10: 7/61 (88.5%, record 3-5-2)
Games 11-20: 14/73 (80.8%, record 5-4-1)
Games 21-30: 17/58 (70.6%, record 1-6-3)

GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 2-5-5 when scoring first this season and 7-12-1 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. 27), the team that scores first is 135-59-23, or wins 62.2% of the time. Teams that score first have earned 23 OT points, which brings the percentage of scoring first and getting at least a point to 72.8%. Last season teams that scored first were 364-128-52, or won 66.9% of the time.

THE ANNUAL DECEMBER BLOWOUT?

Arizona's 8-1 win over the Bees on Dec. 23 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
Dec. 21, 2007 – 10-6 loss at Arizona
Dec. 23, 2007 – 8-1 loss at Arizona

NEW MEXICO STINGS BEES FOR FRANCHISE RECORDS

The Bees 10-3 loss at New Mexico and 8-1 loss at Arizona were 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.

AMARILLO SETS OPPONENT RECORD FOR SHOTS

Amarillo's 60 shots against on Dec. 14 are a regular season record, as are Jeff Van Nynatten's 56 saves. Laredo pasted Van Nynatten with 61 in a playoff game on March 30, 2007, in which Van Nynatten made an overall team record 58 saves in a 4-3 win at the LEC.

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 5-3-6 in one goal games this season.

FOUR SCORE AND MORE

The Bees are 6-2-1 when scoring four or more goals and 2-1-0 when scoring six or more.

HOLDING ON

Rio is 4-0-3 when leading after the first period and 7-1-3 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.
- Historically in **December**, the Bees are 24-30-7, including marks of 14-12-6 at home and 10-15-1 on the road.

SITUATIONAL GOALS

GOALS FOR - 90

5-ON-5: 56
5-ON-4: 25
5-ON-3: 2
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 - 141

5-ON-5: 77
5-ON-4: 39
5-ON-3: 5
4-ON-4: 8
4-ON-3: 0
4-ON-5: 6
3-ON-5: 0
EN: 4
EA: 0
SO: 3
PS: 0

SPECIAL TEAMS

POWER PLAY

- Is 3-for-22 in the last three games.
- Went 9-for-66 (13.6%) in games 11-20.
- Went 6-for 51 (11.8%) in games 1-10.

PENALTY KILL

- Opponents are 6-for-17 in the last two games.
- Opponents have scored at least one PPG in 15 of 17 games since Nov. 24 (as of Jan. 10, 2008)
- Held Arizona's CHL-best PP 3-for-10 in two games Dec. 21 and 23.
- Went 14-for-73 (80.8%) in games 11-20.
- Went 7-for-61 (84.8%) in games 1-10.

OVERTIME AND SHOOTOUTS

Overtime

Nov. 13, 2007 – 3-2 loss at Laredo (Serge Dube)
Dec. 14, 2007 – 4-3 loss at Amarillo (Grant Selinger)
Jan. 5, 2008 – 3-2 loss to Colorado (Aaron Schneekloth)

Shootout

October 20, 2007 – 4-3 loss at Corpus Christi (Geno Parrish)
December 1, 2007 – 3-2 loss at Austin (Henry Kuster)
December 29, 2007 – 5-4 loss vs. Corpus Christi (Joe Blaznek)

Shootout stats

Player	Attempts/Goals
19 – Voltera	1/3
39 – Banga	1/3
94 – Maxwell	0/3
16 – Herauf	0/2
11 – Bonar	0/2
22 – Hedberg	0/1

Goalies

Goalies	Saves/Shots
Lemanowicz	10/12
Van Nynatten	2/5

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: 1/5/08 vs. Colorado (3-2, Aaron Schneekloth, 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: 12/29/07 vs. Corpus Christi (5-4, Joe Blaznek)

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 - 1/8/08 vs. Arizona (Josh Bonar, goal in each period)
Opponent – 12/15/07 at New Mexico (Craig MacDonald, all in 1st)

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