

CENTRAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
GAME NOTES

RGV Killer Bees vs. Laredo Bucks

Tuesday, February 12, 2008 - 7:35 PM - Dodge Arena - CHL Game # 384

Referee – Ian Croft

Linesmen- TJ Nua, Kyle Simms

TONIGHT'S CHL ACTION

TUE, FEB 12 Wichita vs Oklahoma City
 TUE, FEB 12 Colorado vs Rocky Mountain
 TUE, FEB 12 Texas vs Tulsa
 TUE, FEB 12 Amarillo vs New Mexico
 TUE, FEB 12 Laredo vs Rio Grande Valley

CHL GAMES THIS WEEK

WED, FEB 13 Rocky Mountain vs Colorado
 WED, FEB 13 Amarillo vs Arizona
 THU, FEB 14 Odessa vs Mississippi

RGV KILLER BEES – game #45

Records:

Overall: 10-27-7 (27 pts)

Home: 8-11-3

Road: 2-16-4

OT: 0-3

SO: 0-4

GF/GA: 121/193

LAST GAME: 3-1L at WIC

NEXT GAME: 2/15 at AUS

Special Teams

PP: 15th, 15.2% (37/244)

PK: 17th, 78.2% (62/284)

Head Coach: Paul Fixter

Assistant Coach: Sean Gillam

Player/Asst. Coach: David Lemanowicz

Athletic Trainer: Jorge Garcia (HOR-HAY)

Equipment Manager: Doug Tretiak

LAREDO BUCKS – game #49

Records:

Overall: 30-15-3

Home: 19-5-1

Road: 11-10-2

OT: 4-0

SO: 3-3

GF/GA: 1269/26

LAST GAME: 4-3SOL vs. AUS

NEXT GAME: 2/15 vs. CRP

Special Teams

PP: 6th, 17.4% (48/276)

PK: 1st, 88.3% (34/290)

Head Coach: Terry Ruskowski

Athletic Trainer: Bobby Moore

Equipment Manager: Rusty Aldridge

Asst. Equipment Manager: Sal Alba

#	PLAYERS	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
3	Slusher, Jason	D	37	1	5	6	0	40
5	Fuller, Tyler	D	23	0	1	1	-8	35
9	Tuomi, Mike	C	25	5	9	14	-10	24
10	Van Hoof, Jeremy	D	44	3	15	18	-12	71
11	Bonar, Josh	RW	44	16	12	28	-4	44
12	OLeary, Mark	F	41	5	11	16	-17	52
16	Herauf, Lance	LW	44	12	18	30	-15	34
19	Voltera, Rob	RW	44	21	27	48	-19	76
20	Lapointe, Danny	C	11	4	2	6	-1	4
21	Warriner, Nick	C	44	3	9	12	-18	76
23	McNeill, Dan	D	22	0	1	1	-12	17
26	Eason, TJ	D	44	1	3	4	-21	64
27	Chmiel, Bernie	D	34	5	7	12	3	27
29	Big Snake, Robin	F	34	3	13	16	-11	278
39	Banga, Travis	C	44	16	29	45	-12	76
47	Garbutt, Josh	D	14	1	2	3	-6	10
94	Maxwell, Dennis	LW	33	8	28	36	-5	71

#	GOALTENDER	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SPCT.	SO
30	Bucchino, A.J.	2	0	2	0	4.54	.892	0
40	Lemanowicz, David	26	6	16	4	3.91	.906	0

Pronunciation Guide

9 – too-OH-mee

11 – BAH-ner

16 – HAIr-off

27 – CHIM-uhl

30 – boo-KEE-noh

39 – BUNG-uh

40 – luh-MAN-oh-vitch

C – Voltera

A – Banga

A – Maxwell

A – Van Hoof

47 – GAR-bit

#	PLAYERS	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM
3	Agarunov, Igor	D	47	8	10	18	9	53
4	Burnett, Gord	D	43	1	9	10	4	143
6	Elliott, Paul	D	47	3	7	10	0	43
7	Goupil, Alex	LW	43	13	12	25	-15	19
9	Hiebert, James	RW	40	22	25	47	18	152
11	Bes, Jeff	C	48	31	44	75	24	56
13	Simoes, Steve	LW	46	5	19	24	6	59
15	Korchinski, Chris	F	48	17	24	41	7	98
19	Summers, Matt	F	41	8	18	26	1	20
20	Legault, Derek	F	8	1	0	1	1	11
21	Penner, Alex	F	37	3	2	5	3	116
22	Desjardins, Andrew	C	48	15	27	42	8	86
23	Courchene, Corey	F	29	2	6	8	-3	41
24	Weidlich, Steve	D	12	0	2	2	3	40
27	Walker, David	D	23	0	10	10	2	64
28	Rivet, Adam	D	48	15	21	36	23	65
29	Dube, Serge	D	46	9	32	41	26	34

#	GOALTENDER	GP	W	L	OTL	GAA	SPCT.	SO
35	Ceci, John	8	3	4	0	2.73	.908	0
33	Reid, Scott	29	17	7	2	2.34	.915	3

Pronunciation Guide

3- ag-ah-ROO-nov

7 – GOO-pull

9 – HE-ber

20 – leh-GO

22 – day-ZHAR-din

23 – core-SHANE

28 – RIVIT

29 – doo-BAY

C – Dube

A – Elliott

A – Rivet

KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, February 12 vs. Laredo (7:35 PM CST)

TONIGHT'S GAME

The Killer Bees (10-27-7, 27 pts.) begin their final 20 games of the season tonight vs. the Laredo Bucks (30-15-3, 63 pts). Rio is winless in five games (0-4-1) while the Bucks are winless in three (0-2-1).

The Bees are coming off a pair of road losses; a 4-3 decision at Tulsa on Friday and a 3-1 loss at Wichita on Saturday. Laredo played a 3-in-3 against the surging Austin Ice Bats over the weekend, and fell by decisions of 5-2, 4-1 and 4-3 (SO).

The end result is a playoff picture that has drastically changed from even a few weeks ago. The Bucks are just 4-5-1 in their last 10 games and now hold the top spot in the South by six points over Arizona and eight points ahead of both Odessa and New Mexico (five wins in a row). Austin's current five-game winning streak has pushed them ahead of both Corpus Christi (2-7-1 in last 10) and Amarillo (five-game winning streak).

The Bees, meanwhile, remain on the outside looking in and are now 12 points out the final Southern Conference playoff berth occupied by the Ice Bats.

OVERVIEW

- **PLAYOFF PUSH** --- 17 of Rio's final 20 games are against Southeast Division Rivals; vs. AUS – 8 (4 home/4 away); vs. CRP – 3 (1/2); vs. LAR – 6 (4/2). The Bees also play Odessa twice on the road and host Bossier-Shreveport once.
- **DIVISION RIVAL UPCOMING GAMES** ---
- **AUSTIN** --- AMA (1/1), BOS (1/1), CRP (2/1), OKC (0/1), RGV (4/4), TEX (0/1)
- **CORPUS** --- AUS (1/2), BOS (1/1), LAR (2/2), MIS (0/2), ODE (2/1), RGV (2/1), TEX (1/0)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **THE LATEST MOVES** --- F Jason Weitzel was acquired on Feb. 13 in exchange for D Jon Hedberg...Robin Big Snake was suspended by the CHL for one game on Jan. 27...Goalie A.J. Bucchino was signed on Jan. 18...F Ladislav Kouba was waived on Jan. 17...The Bees made several transactions on Jan. 14...The team acquired defenseman Bernie Chmiel from Mississippi in exchange for Jeff Van Nynatten and acquired center Danny Lapointe from Oklahoma City in exchange for future considerations.
- **WHO'S HOT?** --- (Entering this week) Bernie Chmiel has five points (5-3-8) in six of his last seven games...Travis Banga has eight points (4-4-8) in five of his last seven games...Rob Voltera has four points (1-3-4) in two of his last three games...Dennis Maxwell has nine assists (0-9-9) in 11 games since returning from injury...
- **200 GAMES FOR BANGA** --- Bees All Star Travis Banga played in his 200th pro game on Saturday, Jan. 12. He needs one goal to reach 100 as a pro.
- **500 GAMES FOR VOLTERA** – Saturday's game at Wichita was Rob Voltera's 44th game this season and his 500th regular season contest.
- **100 GOALS FOR BANGA** – Travis Banga scored his 100th pro goal Friday at Tulsa.
- **SKID SNAPPED** --- Rio's 6-4 win at Corpus Christi on Jan. 26 snapped a 13-game winless skid (0-11-2) on the road, the longest such skid in franchise history. The previous longest was a 12-game slid (0-10-2) from Dec. 14, 2004-Feb.5, 2005.
- **HOLY SHOTS AND PANTS** --- The Killer Bees have been out-shot in 38 of 44 games this season. They are 3-3-0 when outshooting their opponents.
- **TRADE DEADLINE PASSES** ---_The Central Hockey League's (CHL) trade deadline came and went Monday with several teams making moves in an effort to improve their current team. In all, there were seven deals on Monday and two over the weekend leading up to the deadline. The biggest name changing addresses was the 2005 CHL Outstanding Defenseman Paul Esdale who leaves the Colorado Eagles to join the Corpus Christi Rayz. For a complete run-down of all the deadline deals visit the Trade Tracker at www.centralhockeyleague.com.
- **BEES VS. DIVISIONS** --- Rio is 7-9-4 vs. Southeast Division teams this season and 3-7-1 vs. Southwest Division rivals. The Bees are 0-11-2 vs. the Northern Conference.
- The Killer Bees are **24-20-4** historically in February.
- Rio's all time record stands at **122-142-32 (13 OTL-19 SOL)** (296 games played). The team's 300th regular season game will take place at Austin on Feb. 21.

BROADCAST INFO

Tuesday
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 (home): 93.5 FM
Email contact during broadcasts: radio@killerbeehockey.com

LEADERS (as of Feb. 11)

Points: Voltera (48)
Goals: Voltera (21)
Assists: Banga (29)
PIM: Big Snake (278)
+/-: Chmiel (+3)
PPG: Voltera (11)
PPA: Maxwell (13)
SHG: Banga (2)

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

RECENT GAMES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>(* - overtime, ** - shootout)</u>
Jan06	at Corpus Christi	L	1-6	
Jan08	Arizona	L	5-6	
Jan11	Bos-Shreveport	L	1-5	
Jan12	New Mexico	L	2-4	
Jan18	at Texas	L	2-4	
Jan19	at Amarillo	L	3-5	
Jan22	at Rocky Mountain	L	3-6	
Jan23	at Colorado	L	5-7	
Jan26	at Corpus Christi	W	6-4	
Jan27	at Bossier-Shreve.	L	0-2	
Feb01	Tulsa	SOL	2-3**	
Feb02	Rocky Mountain	L	3-5	
Feb08	at Tulsa	L	3-4	
Feb09	at Wichita	L	1-3	

RECENT GAME RECAPS

February 9, 2008 – WIC 3, RGV 1

Robin Big Snake scored Rio's only goal...Kyle Bruce scored the game-winner while on the power play, right after the Bees had killed off a 5-on-3...AJ Bucchino made 37 saves in his second CHL start...Bill Zaniboni earned his third win of the season over Rio with 35 saves.

PP: 0-4 **PK:** 1-6 **SF:** 36 **SA:** 40

February 8, 2008 – TUL 4, RGV 3

Travis Banga scored his 100th pro goal while shorthanded...Dave Lemanowicz took the loss in goal...David Alexander Beauregard scored twice for the Oilers...Jeff Van Nynatten earned the win in goal for Tulsa...

PP: 0-6 **PK:** 3-8 **SF:** 40 **SA:** 38

February 2, 2008 – RMR 5, RGV 3

Daymen Rycroft scored twice for Rocky Mountain to extend his CHL-lead to 36 goals...Rob Voltera, Travis Banga and Bernie Chmiel scored for the Bees...Dave Lemanowicz made 31 saves for the Bees while Terry Dunbar stopped 23 for the Rage.

PP: 0-6 **PK:** 2-5 **SF:** 26 **SA:** 36

February 1, 2008 – TUL 3, RGV 2 (SOL)

Bernie Chmiel scored both goals for the Bees in the third period to force overtime...Paul Kelly and Brendon Hodge scored for Tulsa... Rio has been outshot in 27 of its last 28 games...Tulsa went 4-for-5 in the shootout while Rio went 3-for-5...Jeff Christian scored the shootout winner for the Oilers.

PP: 1-5 **PK:** 0-7 **SF:** 30 **SA:** 55

January 27, 2008 – BOS 2, RGV 0

All the scoring occurred in the second...Joe Ori netted the game-winner...Jason Basile scored the Bugs second goal on the power play...John DeCaro stopped all 28 shots for his CHL-leading seventh shutout...The Bugs tied a CHL record with their 10th team shutout...David Lemanowicz made 37 saves on 39 shots.

PP: 0-2 **PK:** 1-6 **SF:** 28 **SA:** 39

January 26, 2008 – CRP 4, RGV 6

Rob Voltera had four points (2-2-4) and scored the tying goal in the third period...Travis Banga also had a multiple point night for the Bees (2-1-3) including the game-winner...Jay Latulippe had a three point (1-2-3) for the Rayz.... Danny Lapointe and Bernie Chmiel each had a goal for the Bees...Nicklas Lindberg and Joe Blaznek each had a goal and a helper...Brent Howarth also netted one for the Rays...Dennis Maxwell had three assists with Jeremy Van Hoof and Lance Herauf each picking up two.... David Lemanowicz made 36 saves...Jason Tapp made 22 saves on 28 stops...The win was Rio's first on the road since Nov. 24.

PP: 0-2 **PK:** 2-7 **SF:** 28 **SA:** 40

January 23, 2008 – COL 7, RGV 5

Rob Voltera scored twice while Josh Garbutt added a goal and a helper...Riley Nelson had four points (2-2-4)...Bernie Chmiel scored his first pro goal 13 seconds into the second period, the quickest opponent goal ever allowed by the Eagles...AJ Bucchino made his first CHL start and stopped 37 shots...Marco Emond earned the win for the Eagles.

PP: 0-3 **PK:** 1-2 **SF:** 37 **SA:** 44

January 22, 2008 – RMR 6, RGV 3

Rob Voltera opened the scoring...Danny Lapointe scored twice, including his first pro goal...Daymen Rycroft scored his league-leading 30 and 31st goals...Brent Cullaton had a goal for the Rage...Rocky Mountain scored twice while shorthanded.

PP: 2-7 **PK:** 3-13 **SF:** 37 **SA:** 37

January 19, 2008 – AMA 4, RGV 3

Travis Banga scored twice on the power play for Rio...Bill Vandermeer led the Gorillas with a goal and two assists...Apes goalie Dan Bauer was credited with an assist...Dave Lemanowicz made 59 saves for the Bees, a regular season record...Amarillo scored three power play goals, while the cushion goal by David Nimmo came short-handed.

PP: 2-7 **PK:** 3-13 **SF:** 31 **SA:** 64

UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times CST

Day	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	Broadcast
February					
Tuesday	February 12	laredo @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV
Friday	February 15	rio grande valley @	AUSTIN	7:38 PM	KURV
Saturday	February 16	laredo @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV, TV
Thursday	February 21	rio grande valley @	AUSTIN	7:38 PM	KURV
Friday	February 22	austin @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV
Saturday	February 23	laredo @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV, TV
Tuesday	February 26	rio grande valley @	ODESSA	7:05 PM	KURV
Friday	February 29	rio grande valley @	CORPUS CHRISTI	7:05 PM	KURV
March					
Saturday	March 1	rio grande valley @	AUSTIN	7:38 PM	KURV
Sunday	March 2	rio grande valley @	CORPUS CHRISTI	3:05 PM	KURV

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION	12/28/07	ADD Silver, Jared (F) signed contract
01/28/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension	12/28/07	DEL Edinger, Adam (C) waived
01/27/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 1 games	12/28/07	ADD Silver, Jared (F) signed contract
01/26/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension	12/15/07	ADD Maxwell, Dennis (LW) activated from IR
01/22/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 2 games	12/14/07	DEL Silver, Jared (F) waived
01/18/08	ADD Bucchino, A.J. (G) signed contract	12/14/07	ADD McNeill, Dan (D) activated from IR
01/17/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) signed contract	12/08/07	DEL Slusher, Jason (D) placed on 14 day IR
01/17/08	DEL Kouba, Ladislav (F) waived	12/07/07	ADD Tuomi, Mike (C) signed contract
01/17/08	ADD Lapointe, Danny (C) signed contract	12/06/07	ADD Kouba, Ladislav (F) signed contract
01/14/08	DEL Silver, Jared (F) waived	12/01/07	DEL Maxwell, Dennis (LW) placed on 14 day IR
01/14/08	DEL Van Nynatten, Jeff (G) traded to Mississippi River Kings	11/21/07	DEL Masse, David (LW) placed on team suspension
01/14/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) acquired in trade from Mississippi River Kings	11/17/07	ADD OLeary, Mark (F) activated from IR
01/14/08	ADD Lapointe, Danny (C) acquired in trade from Oklahoma City Blazers	11/17/07	DEL Joseph, Marlon (RW) waived
01/14/08	DEL Van Nynatten, Jeff (G) traded to Mississippi	11/16/07	ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) signed contract
01/14/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) acquired in trade from Mississippi	11/14/07	DEL Looby, Mike (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers
01/11/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension	11/14/07	DEL Bergh, Al (G) waived
01/08/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) acquired in trade from Texas Brahmas	11/14/07	ADD Lemanowicz, David (G) activated from leave by league
01/08/08	DEL Masse, David (LW) traded to Texas Brahmas	11/14/07	ADD Herauf, Lance (LW) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers
01/08/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 1 games	11/12/07	ADD Joseph, Marlon (RW) activated from IR
01/08/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) signed contract	11/12/07	ADD Bergh, Al (G) added as emergency goaltender
01/06/08	DEL Fuller, Tyler (D) placed on 30 day IR	11/11/07	DEL Lemanowicz, David (G) granted leave by league
01/06/08	DEL Blanchette, Adam (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers	11/09/07	ADD Fuller, Tyler (D) activated from IR
01/06/08	ADD Garbutt, Josh (D) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers	11/09/07	DEL Stastny, Dan (F) waived
12/28/07	ADD Slusher, Jason (D) activated from IR	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. Laredo

Year	Opponent	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	SH	SO	SH%	GF	GA	SH	SO	SH%
2003-04	Laredo	13	4	8	0	1	2	5	0	0	2	3	0	1	
2004-05	Laredo	11	4	7	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	
2005-06	Laredo	14	6	7	1	0	5	2	0	0	1	5	1	0	
2006-07	Laredo	14	5	7	1	1	3	4	0	1	2	3	1	0	
		52	19	29	2	2	14	13	0	1	5	16	2	1	

Season Notes: This is the eighth meeting between the teams...Rio is 0-6-1 vs. the Bucks with the only point coming in a 3-2 OTL at Laredo on Nov. 13...

TEAM VS. TEAM

Laredo Bucks - Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees

PAST RESULTS

- 11/01/07 Rio Grande Valley 1 at Laredo 5
- 11/03/07 Laredo 4 at Rio Grande Valley 2
- 11/13/07 Rio Grande Valley 2 at Laredo 3 OT
- 11/27/07 Rio Grande Valley 0 at Laredo 5
- 11/30/07 Laredo 2 at Rio Grande Valley 1
- 12/31/07 Rio Grande Valley 2 at Laredo 6
- 01/04/08 Laredo 2 at Rio Grande Valley 3

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	36	1	0.111	4	6	1	0	0	11	51	58	45	0	154

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--- POWER PLAYS ---				--- GOALS BY PERIOD ---					--- SHOTS BY PERIOD ---					
G	ADV	SH	PCT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	SHO	TOT	1ST	2ND	3RD	OT	TOT
5	40	1	0.125	5	14	7	1	0	27	84	103	87	1	275

KILLER BEES GOALIE NOTES

Lemanowicz

- **LAST WIN:** Jan. 26, 2008 at Corpus Christi...made 36 saves in a 6-4 win.
- Set a franchise record and CHL season high with 59 saves in a 5-3 loss at Amarillo on Jan. 19. The CHL record for saves in a game is 69, set by Bryan Elder of Austin on Feb. 13, 1999.
- 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 win 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).

Bucchino

- Made his CHL debut on Jan. 23 at Colorado...made 37 saves in a 7-5 loss.
- Has played this season primarily with Richmond of the Southern Professional Hockey League. He also saw time with Jacksonville (SPHL) and Charlotte (ECHL).
- In 11 SPHL games, he went 6-2-3 with a 2.58 GAA and .930 save percentage. He also posted one shutout.
- He led the league in GAA and save percentage at the time of his recall to the Bees.
- The Bow, N.H., native turned pro out of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

KILLER BEES PLAYER NOTES (as of Feb. 11)

BIG SNAKE IN AND OUT OF LINEUP

Robin Big Snake began his Killer Bees career on Tuesday, Jan. 8, by serving a one-game suspension for accumulation of instigator penalties. He proceeded to play in the next four games, collecting a goal and three assists, before being hit with a two-game suspension under the same rule. He played on Jan. 26 at Corpus Christi, only to receive a game-misconduct and a one-game suspension for not having his jersey tied down.

TUOMI LOOING TO REGAIN TOUCH

Mike Tuomi went on a five-game run from Jan. 4-11 posting five points (3-2-5), but had been held scoreless in seven games until assisting on Bernie Chmiel's game-tying goal vs. Tulsa on Feb. 1.

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 among CHL rookie leaders in both scoring and goal scoring. He scored his first pro hat trick on Jan. 8 vs. Arizona, but has just two assists in 12 games since.

MAXWELL MISSES SEVEN, RETURNS WITH EIGHT POINTS IN SIX GAMES

Dennis Maxwell missed seven games from Dec. 31-Jan. 12 with an undisclosed injury. He returned to the lineup on Jan. 18 at Texas and contributed two assists. In his first six games back in the lineup he posted eight assists and three multi-point nights.

VOLTERA SURPASSES 1500 PIM

Rob Voltera had 11 PIM's on Friday, Dec. 21, pushing his career total to 1505.

MILESTONES –as of 02/12/08

400th game – Jeremy Van Hoof (19th game – accomplished Dec. 2 vs. Youngstown)
500th game – Rob Voltera (44rd game – accomplished Feb. 9 at Wichita)
1500th PIM – Rob Voltera (57th PIM – reached Dec. 21 at Arizona with 6th PIM)
200th game – Travis Banga (34th game – reached Jan. 12 vs. New Mexico)
200th point – Travis Banga (8th point – reached Nov. 2 vs. Corpus Christi with second goal)
100th goal – Travis Banga (16th goal – accomplished Feb. 8 at Tulsa)
200th goal – Dennis Maxwell (7th goal – accomplished with 2nd goal Nov. 24 at Corpus Christi)
300th assist – Dennis Maxwell (34th assist – 8 needed)
500th point – Dennis Maxwell (41st point – 5 needed)
2700th PIM – Dennis Maxwell (64th PIM – accomplished Feb. 2 vs. Rocky Mountain)
3000th PIM – Dennis Maxwell (364th PIM – 300 needed)
100th win – David Lemanowicz (10th win – 4 needed)
7000th save – David Lemanowicz (662nd save – reached Jan. 12 vs. New Mexico)
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 late November, the PP was ranked 14th at 11.9% while the PK was 3rd at 87.7%.

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)
Games 31-40: 9/52 (17.3%, record 1-9-0)

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)
Games 31-40: 17/67 (74.6%, record 1-9-0)

LONG DECEMBER

The Bees closed out a tough December in which the team 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.

GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 3-9-5 when scoring first this season and 7-14-2 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 Jan. 18), the team that scores first is 176-79-31, or wins 61.5% of the time. Teams that score first have earned 31 OT points, which brings the percentage of scoring first and getting at least a point to 72.3%. Last season teams that scored first were 364-128-52, or won 66.9% of the time.

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, TWICE

Amarillo's 60 shots against on Dec. 14 were a regular season record, as were 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. The Apes' off-ice crew credited the Gorillas with 64 shots on Jan. 18, setting an opponent high for the Bees, Dave Lemanowicz made a franchise-record and CHL season-high 59 stops. The CHL record for saves in a game is 69, set by Bryan Elder of Austin on Feb. 13, 1999.

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 5-4-7 in one goal games this season.

FOUR SCORE AND MORE

The Bees are 7-3-1 when scoring four or more goals and 3-1-0 when scoring six or more.

HOLDING ON

Rio is 5-0-4 when leading after the first period and 7-1-3 when leading after two.

MONTH BY MONTH

- All time in **October** they've posted a 13-5-3 (3 SOL) record with an 8-3-1 record at home.
- All time in **November**, the Bees are 22-34-4 all time including marks of 13-19-3 at home and 9-15-1 on the road.
- All time in **December**, the Bees are 24-30-7, including marks of 14-12-6 at home and 10-15-1 on the road.
- All time in **January**, the Bees are 17-33-10 (16-13-3 at home, 5-23-6 on the road).

SITUATIONAL GOALS

GOALS FOR - 121

5-ON-5: 79
5-ON-4: 34
5-ON-3: 2
4-ON-4: 4
4-ON-3: 1
4-ON-5: 2
3-ON-5: 0
EA: 0
EN: 2
SO: 0
PS: 0

GOALS AGAINST - 193

5-ON-5: 101
5-ON-4: 57
5-ON-3: 5
4-ON-4: 10
4-ON-3: 0
4-ON-5: 10
3-ON-5: 0
EN: 57
EA: 0
SO: 4
PS: 0

SPECIAL TEAMS

POWER PLAY

- Is scoreless in six games (0-for-27).
- Last PPG on Jan. 23 (3-for-9) at COL.

PENALTY KILL

- Has allowed at least one power play goal in nine straight games and multiple power play goals in five of those games (17-for-59).

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)
February 1, 2008 – 3-2 loss vs. Tulsa (Jeff Christian)

Shootout stats

Player	Attempts/Goals
19 – Voltera	1/4
39 – Banga	2/4
94 – Maxwell	0/3
16 – Herauf	0/2
11 – Bonar	0/3
22 – Hedberg	0/1
29 – Big Snake	1/1
12 – O'Leary	1/1

Goalies

Goalies	Saves/Shots
Lemanowicz	11/17

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: 2/1/08 vs. Tulsa (3-2, Jeff Christian)

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: 10/12/07 at Bossier-Shreveport (2-0, John DeCaro, 28 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: 1/19/08 vs. Amarillo (Robin Big Snake vs. Dan Bauer, 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: 1/18/08 at Amarillo (Dan Bauer)