

KILLER BEES GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, March 11 vs. Bossier-Shreveport (10:30 a.m.)

TODAY'S GAME

The Killer Bees (16-34-7, 39 pts.) face off against the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs (40-12-5, 85 pts.) in a Kid's Day matinee. Rio has won two games in a row, with wins over Austin on Saturday (5-3) and Sunday (3-2, OT). Josh Bonar scored twice on Sunday at Austin including the overtime game-winner on a penalty shot. The Bugs are winless in three (0-2-1), falling 3-2 at Texas, 3-2 at Corpus Christi and 4-2 at Laredo. They currently hold the No. 1 seed in the Northern Conference playoff race.

- ▶ The Bees are in a seven games in nine days stretch. So far, they are 2-1. The team heads to Odessa to begin a three-in-three on Thursday.
- ▶ Any combination of a Rio loss (regulation or overtime) and an Austin win eliminates the Bees from playoff contention.
- ▶ This is the third and final meeting between the two teams. Bossier has won the previous two.
- ▶ Bossier's John DeCaro (10) and Ken Carroll (5) lead the league in shutouts. DeCaro leads the CHL with 23 wins.
- ▶ The Bugs have 16 team shutouts, a new CHL record.
- ▶ Joe Ori leads the CHL with 10 game-winning goals.
- ▶ The Bugs own the best penalty kill in the league (88.3%).
- ▶ In the first and second periods combined, the Bugs have allowed a league-low 58 goals. Overall, Bossier have allowed just 105 goals good for a 1.84 GAA.

PLAYOFF OVERVIEW

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Laredo has already clinched a seed in the playoffs by winning the Southeast Division. Arizona, Odessa and New Mexico will battle for the Southwest Division, a race currently separated by only three points. For a look at remaining games involving the teams fighting for the final playoff spot in the South, look at page 2.

1. Laredo (clinched Southeast Div.)
2. Arizona (final two games vs. ODE)
3. New Mexico (final two games vs. AMA)
4. Odessa
5. Austin

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **THE LATEST MOVES** --- Dennis Maxwell was suspended by the CHL for two games on March 9...D Tyler Fuller was waived on Feb. 14 and F Jason Weitzel was signed... 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.
- **KID'S DAY GAME MOVED** --- The Kid's Day Game vs. Bossier-Shreveport originally scheduled for March 5 has been moved to Tuesday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m.
- **WHO'S HOT?** --- Josh Bonar has three points (2-1-3) in his last two games; he had seven shots and the penalty shot game-winner in OT on Sunday...Travis Banga has points (4-6-10) in eight of nine games...Dennis Maxwell had points (2-4-6) in four straight with both goals being game-winners until last Friday...Jason Weitzel has points (2-2-4) in two straight.
- **500 CAREER POINTS FOR MAXWELL** --- Dennis Maxwell's second assist (on Mike Tuomi's game-winner) at Odessa on Feb. 26 was the 500th regular season point of his career. He needs two assists for 300 in his career. Maxwell accomplished the feat in his 665th regular season game. In 104 games as a Bee to that point, he posted 100 points (30-70-100).
- **100 GAMES AS A BEE FOR VOLTERA** --- Rio's 4-2 win at Odessa on Feb. 26 was Rob Voltera's 100th game as a Bee. In those 100 games, he posted 107 points (47-60-107) and 255 PIM in those games.
- **100 GAMES FOR CHMIEL, HERAUF** --- Bernie Chmiel played in his 100th pro game on Feb. 26 at Odessa. Lance Herauf played in his 100th pro game on Friday, Feb. 15 at Austin.
- **GOAL HUNT** --- Josh Bonar had not scored in 17 games, dating back to his Jan. 8 hat trick until deflecting home his 17th goal on Feb. 26... Jeremy Van Hoof's shorthanded goal on Feb. 29 was his first since Dec. 28, a span of 27 games...Mark O'Leary last scored on Jan. 8, a string of 23 games for the second-year pro...Nick Warriner has gone 27 games without a goal, dating back to Dec. 31.
- **BONAR BACK** --- Josh Bonar returned to the lineup on Feb. 23 after being scratched on Feb. 22. He ended an 11-game scoreless drought with an assist on Rob Voltera's third period goal.
- **300th REGULAR SEASON GAME FOR BEES** --- The 300th game in franchise history took place Thursday, Feb. 21 at Austin.
- **HOLY SHOTS AND PANTS** --- The Killer Bees have been out-shot in 46 of 57 games this season. They are 4-4-0 when outshooting their opponents and 1-2-0 when shots are even.
- **BEES VS. DIVISIONS** --- Rio is 12-16-4 vs. Southeast Division teams this season and 4-7-1 vs. Southwest Division rivals. The Bees are 0-11-2 vs. the Northern Conference.
- Rio's all time record stands at **128-149-32 (13 OTL-19 SOL)** (309 games played).

BROADCAST INFO

Tuesday
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)
Listen in the Arena (home): 93.5 FM
Email contact during broadcasts: radio@killerbeehockey.com
* where available

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PLAYOFF RACE – RECORDS VS. UPCOMING OPPONENTS

Amarillo

Thu, Mar 06	New Mexico 2	Amarillo 7	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	6	3	2
Fri, Mar 07	Amarillo 6	Tulsa 5 OT	7:35 PM	Tulsa CC	1	1	1
Sat, Mar 08	Arizona 8	Amarillo 3	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	3	3	0
Tue, Mar 11	Tulsa	Amarillo	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	0	0	0
Fri, Mar 14	Amarillo	Arizona	7:05 PM	Tims ToyotaCtr	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 15	Amarillo	Arizona	7:05 PM	Tims ToyotaCtr	0	0	0
Tue, Mar 18	Amarillo	Odessa	7:05 PM	Ector County	2	8	1
Thu, Mar 20	Austin	Amarillo	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	0	1	1
Fri, Mar 21	New Mexico	Amarillo	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 22	Amarillo	New Mexico	7:15 PM	Santa Ana Star	0	0	0
					10	15	5

Austin

Fri, Mar 07	Oklahoma City 0	Austin 3	7:38 PM	Chaparral Ice	1	1	0
Sat, Mar 08	Austin 3	Rio Grande Valley 5	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	4	5	1
Sun, Mar 09	Rio Grande Valley 3	Austin 2 OT	4:08 PM	Chaparral Ice	0	0	0
Wed, Mar 12	Austin	Corpus Christi	7:05 PM	Am. Bank Center	5	2	1
Fri, Mar 14	Austin	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 15	Austin	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	0	0	0
Sun, Mar 16	Corpus Christi	Austin	4:08 PM	Chaparral Ice	0	0	0
Thu, Mar 20	Austin	Amarillo	7:05 PM	Amarillo CC	2	0	0
Sat, Mar 22	Texas	Austin	7:38 PM	Chaparral Ice	1	4	0
					13	10	1

Corpus Christi

Fri, Mar 07	Bossier-Shreveport 2	Corpus Christi 3	7:05 PM	Am. Bank Center	1	2	0
Sat, Mar 08	Odessa 2	Corpus Christi 6	8:05 PM	Am. Bank Center	2	1	0
Wed, Mar 12	Austin	Corpus Christi	7:05 PM	Am. Bank Center	3	3	2
Fri, Mar 14	Corpus Christi	Odessa	7:05 PM	Ector County	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 15	Texas	Corpus Christi	7:05 PM	Am. Bank Center	0	3	0
Sun, Mar 16	Corpus Christi	Austin	4:08 PM	Chaparral Ice	0	0	0
Wed, Mar 19	Corpus Christi	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	5	5	1
Fri, Mar 21	Corpus Christi	Mississippi	7:05 PM	DeSoto CC	0	1	0
Sat, Mar 22	Corpus Christi	Mississippi	7:05 PM	DeSoto CC	0	0	0
					9	15	3

Rio Grande Valley

Fri, Mar 07	Rio Grande Valley 1	Laredo 5	7:30 PM	Laredo EC	1	9	1
Sat, Mar 08	Austin 3	Rio Grande Valley 5	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	5	4	1
Sun, Mar 09	Rio Grande Valley 3	Austin 2 OT	4:08 PM	Chaparral Ice	0	0	0
Tue, Mar 11	Bossier-Shreveport	Rio Grande Valley	10:30 AM	Dodge Arena	0	2	0
Thu, Mar 13	Rio Grande Valley	Odessa	7:05 PM	Ector County	1	1	0
Fri, Mar 14	Austin	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 15	Austin	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	0	0	0
Wed, Mar 19	Corpus Christi	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	6	3	2
Fri, Mar 21	Rio Grande Valley	Laredo	7:30 PM	Laredo EC	0	0	0
Sat, Mar 22	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	7:35 PM	Dodge Arena	0	0	0
					11	18	4

Should two (2) or more teams be tied in points for any seeding issue throughout the playoffs, the following tiebreakers will be used: Most wins, then head-to-head record, then goals for and against differential.

2007-2008 Playoff Format

The 2007-2008 Central Hockey League playoff format is as follows:

- A total of ten (10) of seventeen (17) teams will qualify for the post-season, consisting of five (5) clubs from each conference. Each of the four (4) division regular season champions (Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast) will be seeded either 1st or 2nd in their conference heading into the playoffs based on point totals. The next three (3) highest teams in each conference's regular season standings based on point totals, regardless of division, will be seeded 3rd, 4th and 5th in each conference and will also qualify for post-season play.

- The playoffs will consist of four (4) rounds. (Conference Quarter-Finals – Best of 3, Conference Semi-Finals – Best of 7, Conference Finals – Best of 7, Ray Miron President's Cup Finals – Best of 7).

- The opening round (Conference Quarter-Finals) will feature one (1) separate series of play in each conference, with the 4th seed playing the 5th seed. Both Conference Quarter-Finals series must be completed no later than the first Thursday after the completion of the regular season.

- The second round (Conference Semi-Finals) will consist of the victorious two (2) teams from each conference's opening round, along with the top three (3) seeds in each conference. The 1st seed will play the winner of the first round series, and the 2nd seed will play the 3rd seed in each conference.

- The third round (Conference Finals) will consist of the victorious two (2) teams remaining from each conference, with Conference Semi-Final seeding remaining in effect to determine home ice advantage.

- The fourth round (President's Cup Final) will consist of the victorious two (2) teams remaining, one from each conference. Home ice advantage in the Ray Miron President's Cup Finals will be awarded to the club with the higher regular season point total, regardless of any earlier playoff seeding.

LEADERS

Points: Banga (59)
Goals: Voltera (26)
Assists: Banga (36)
PIM: Big Snake (319)
+/-: Weitzel (+4)

PPG: Voltera (12)
PPA: Maxwell (14)
SHG: Banga, Voltera (3)
GWG: Maxwell (3)

RECENT GAMES

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	(* - overtime, ** - shootout)
Feb15	at Austin	W	5-2	
Feb16	Laredo	L	1-4	
Feb21	at Austin	L	1-5	
Feb22	Austin	L	3-5	
Feb23	Laredo	L	1-3	
Feb26	at Odessa	W	4-2	
Feb29	at Corpus Christi	W	5-4*	
Mar1	at Austin	W	3-2	
Mar2	at Corpus Christi	L	5-3	
Mar7	at Laredo	L	1-5	
Mar8	Austin	W	5-3	
Mar9	at Austin	W	3-2	

RECENT GAME RECAPS

March 09, 2008 - RGV 3, AUS 2

Josh Bonar had 2 goals in the contest including the overtime penalty shot game winner...Jason Weitzel also scored for the Bees... Ted Vandermeer and R.G. Flath each scored for the Bats...A.J. Bucchino made 41 saves...Miguel Beaudry stopped 29 of 32 shots faced.

PP: 0-5 **PK:** 1-8 **SF:** 32 **SA:** 43

March 08, 2008 - RGV 5, AUS 3

Jason Weitzel scored the game-winner and finished with a goal and two assists...Lance Herauf had a goal and an assist...AJ Bucchino made 33 saves...Rob Voltera scored an empty-netter while Austin had an extra attacker on and a 6-on-3 advantage.

PP: 0-3 **PK:** 2-9 **SF:** 29 **SA:** 36

March 07, 2008 - RGV 1, LAR 5

Andrew Desjardins had a hat trick for the Bucks...Alex Goupil scored twice for Laredo...Travis Banga scored the lone Rio goal...Dave Lemanowicz made 45 saves in the loss...John Ceci got the win for the Bucks.

PP: 0-2 **PK:** 0-6 **SF:** 21 **SA:** 50

March 02, 2008 - CRP 5, RGV 3

Justin Quenneville scored twice and added an assist as the Corpus Christi Rayz ended a six-game winless skid with a 5-3 win over the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees Sunday at American Bank Center. The loss for Rio ended a three-game winning streak.

PP: 0-4 **PK:** 2-7 **SF:** 42 **SA:** 30

March 01, 2008 - RGV 3, AUS 2

The Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees won their third game in a row with a 3-2 victory over the Austin Ice Bats Saturday at Chaparral Ice. Rio had not won three games in a row since November. Rio took a 1-0 lead into the second period on Mike Tuomi's ninth goal of the year, the upped the lead to 3-0 on second period markers by Travis Banga (22) and Dennis Maxwell (11). Maxwell, who had the overtime game-winner Friday in Corpus Christi, stepped out of the penalty box and took and corralled an errant Austin pass to move in alone on Miguel Beaudry at 19:56 of the second. **PP:** 0-5 **PK:** 0-6 **SF:** 22 **SA:** 41

February 29, 2008 - RGV 5, CRP 4 (OT)

Dennis Maxwell scored the overtime winner 38 seconds into the extra session...Rio scored twice in the third to tie it at 4-4...Jason Weitzel ng goal...AJ Bucchino earned the win...Jason Tapp took the loss.

PP: 1-7 **PK:** 1-11 **SF:** 40 **SA:** 34

February 26, 2008 - RGV 4, ODE 2

Dennis Maxwell had two assists including the 500th point of his career...Maxwell assisted on Mike Tuomi's game-winner...The Bees scored 13 seconds apart in the third period (Tuomi, Voltera), the quickest two goals this season...AJ Bucchino earned his first CHL win with 38 saves...Mike Gorman took the loss with 32 saves...Gorman left the game briefly in the first period after being hit on the side of the mask with a Dennis Maxwell slapshot...Alex Vincent came in to relieve and allowed one goal on six shots.

PP: 1-5 **PK:** 0-5 **SF:** 41 **SA:** 40

February 23, 2008 - LAR 3, RGV 1

Rob Voltera scored Rio's only goal...Both clubs went 1-for-9 on the power play...David Walker scored his first goal of the season...Laredo scored 35 seconds apart beginning at 44 seconds of the third period to take the win (Matt Summers, Jeff Bes)...Bes had a goal and an assist to run his scoring streak to seven games...AJ Bucchino took the loss in goal...Dustin Traylen earned his 20th win for the Bucks.

PP: 1-9 **PK:** 1-9 **SF:** 28 **SA:** 33

UPCOMING SCHEDULE - all times CST

Day	Date	Visitor	Home	Time	Broadcast
February					
Tuesday	March 11	bossier-shreveport@	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	10:30 AM	KURV
Thursday	March 13	rio grande valley @	ODESSA	7:05 PM	KURV
Friday	March 14	austin @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV
Saturday	March 15	austin @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV, TV
Wednesday	March 19	corpus christi @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV
Friday	March 21	rio grande valley @	LAREDO	7:30 PM	KURV
Saturday	March 22	laredo @	RIO GRANDE VALLEY	7:35 PM	KURV, TV

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	TRANSACTION
02/14/08	DEL Fuller, Tyler (D) waived
02/12/08	ADD Fuller, Tyler (D) activated from IR
02/11/08	ADD Weitzel, Jason (C) acquired in trade from Mississippi River Kings
02/11/08	DEL Hedberg, Jon (D) traded to Mississippi River Kings
01/28/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension
01/27/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 1 games
01/26/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension
01/22/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 2 games
01/18/08	ADD Bucchino, A.J. (G) signed contract
01/17/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) signed contract
01/17/08	DEL Kouba, Ladislav (F) waived
01/17/08	ADD Lapointe, Danny (C) signed contract
01/14/08	DEL Silver, Jared (F) waived
01/14/08	DEL Van Nynatten, Jeff (G) traded to Mississippi River Kings
01/14/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) acquired in trade from Mississippi River Kings
01/14/08	ADD Lapointe, Danny (C) acquired in trade from Oklahoma City Blazers
01/14/08	DEL Van Nynatten, Jeff (G) traded to Mississippi
01/14/08	ADD Chmiel, Bernie (D) acquired in trade from Mississippi
01/11/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) activated from suspension
01/08/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) acquired in trade from Texas Brahmas
01/08/08	DEL Masse, David (LW) traded to Texas Brahmas
01/08/08	DEL Big Snake, Robin (F) placed on league suspension for 1 games
01/08/08	ADD Big Snake, Robin (F) signed contract
01/06/08	DEL Fuller, Tyler (D) placed on 30 day IR
01/06/08	DEL Blanchette, Adam (D) traded to Tulsa Oilers
01/06/08	ADD Garbutt, Josh (D) acquired in trade from Tulsa Oilers
12/28/07	ADD Slusher, Jason (D) activated from IR
12/28/07	ADD Silver, Jared (F) signed contract
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

KILLER BEES GOALIE NOTES

Lemanowicz

- **LAST WIN:** Feb. 15, 2008 at Austin...made 53 saves in a 5-2 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

- **LAST WIN:** March 9, 2008 at Austin...made 41 saves in a 3-2 win.
- Won three games in a row Feb. 26-March 1.
- Eaned first CHL win on Feb. 26 at Odessa (4-2, 38 saves),
- 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

100 GOALS FOR BANGA

Travis Banga scored his 100th pro goal Friday, Feb. 8 at Tulsa.

200 GAMES FOR BANGA

Bees All Star Travis Banga played in his 200th pro game on Saturday, Jan. 12.

500 GAMES FOR VOLTERA

Rio's game at Wichita on Feb. 9 was Rob Voltera's 44th game this season and his 500th regular season contest.

BONAR SCRATCHED

Josh Bonar was a healthy scratch on Feb. 22 after posting two assists in 16 games. The rookie out of Brock University had been among CHL rookie leaders in both scoring and goal scoring for the better part of the season but has slipped out of the top 10. He scored his first pro hat trick on Jan. 8 vs. Arizona.

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.

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 03/06/08

400th game – Jeremy Van Hoof (19th game – accomplished Dec. 2 vs. Youngstown)
500th game – Rob Voltera (44th 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 – accomplished Feb 26 with 2nd assist)
500th point – Dennis Maxwell (41st point – accomplished Feb. 26 with 2nd assist)
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 – 3 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)

KILLER BEES TEAM NOTES

ONE GOAL BEES

RGV is 7-4-7 in one goal games this season.

FOUR SCORE AND MORE

The Bees are 11-3-1 when scoring four or more goals and 3-1-0 when scoring six or more. Rio is 5-31-6 when scoring three or fewer goals. Defensively, the Bees have allowed four or more goals 36 times and are 5-28-3 in those games.

GET THE FIRST GOAL?

The Bees are 8-12-5 when scoring first this season and 8-22-2 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.

HOLDING ON

Rio is 9-2-4 when leading after the first period and 12-1-3 when leading after two.

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.

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.

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.

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).
- All time in February, the Bees are **27-28-5**.

SITUATIONAL GOALS

GOALS FOR - 158

5-ON-5: 104
5-ON-4: 37
5-ON-3: 2
4-ON-4: 5
4-ON-3: 2
4-ON-5: 6
3-ON-5: 0
EA: 0
EN: 4
SO: 0
PS: 1

GOALS AGAINST - 239

5-ON-5: 131
5-ON-4: 64
5-ON-3: 6
4-ON-4: 11
4-ON-3: 2
4-ON-5: 12
3-ON-5: 0
EN: 8
EA: 1
SO: 4
PS: 0

SPECIAL TEAMS

POWER PLAY

- Is scoreless in five games (0-for-23) after scoring PPG in four straight games as of Feb. 22-29.
- Was scoreless in seven games (0-for-32) until Josh Garbutt's PPG goal on Feb. 22...Last previous PPG was on Feb 1 (1-for-5) vs. TUL, a span of 36 total power plays.

PENALTY KILL

- Has allowed PPG in two straight (3-for-17).
- Has killed 23 of 26 PP's in the last four games (Feb. 29-March 2).
- Was 23-for-24 on the PK in four games (Feb. 21-26).

POWER PLAY UP, PK DOWN?

Up until games-41-50, Rio's power play had steadily improved through each 10-game segment this season while the PK had steadily declined. More recently, the power play went south while he PK regained traces of its early season form.

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)
Games 41-50: 3/52 (5.77%, record 1-8-1)

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)
Games 41-50: 11/58 (81%, record 1-8-1)

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

<u>Player</u>	<u>Attempts/Goals</u>
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

<u>Saves/Shots</u>
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: 3/09/08 at Austin (3-2, Josh Bonar, 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: 101/27/08 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: 2/23/08 vs. Laredo (Lance Herauf vs. Dustin Traylen, no goal)
Opponent: 01/06/07 at Austin (Tim Earl vs. Jeremy Symington, no goal)

SCORED ON A PENALTY SHOT

RGV: 3/09/08 at Austin (Josh Bonar vs. Miguel Beaudry)
Opponent: N/A

GOALTENDER RECORDED AN ASSIST

RGV: 3/08/08 vs. Austin (AJ Bucchino)
Opponent: 1/18/08 at Amarillo (Dan Bauer)