



CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

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2024-25 CHECKERS SCHEDULE

October (5-1-0-0; Home 3-1-0-0, Away 2-0-0-0)

12	Sat.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	7-6 W
13	Sun.	at	Bridgeport	3-0 W
18	Fri.		CLEVELAND	5-2 W
19	Sat.		CLEVELAND	2-4 L
25	Fri.		BRIDGEPORT	8-2 W
26	Sat.		BRIDGEPORT	5-2 W

November (2-3-0-1; Home 1-1-0-0, Away 1-2-0-1)

2	Sat.	at	Hershey	4-2 W
3	Sun.	at	Hershey	3-4 L (SO)
9	Sat.		TORONTO	4-3 L
10	Sun.		TORONTO	4-3 W (OT)
15	Fri.	at	Hartford	2-4 L
16	Sat.	at	Springfield	2-4 L
19	Tue.	at	Hartford	
22	Fri.	at	Springfield	
23	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
29	Fri.		IOWA	
30	Sat.		IOWA	

December (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

6	Fri.		ROCHESTER	
7	Sat.		ROCHESTER	
11	Wed.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
13	Fri.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
14	Sat.	at	Hershey	
17	Tue.		SPRINGFIELD	
18	Wed.		SPRINGFIELD	
21	Sat.		BRIDGEPORT	
22	Sun.		BRIDGEPORT	
28	Sat.	at	Lehigh Valley	
29	Sun.	at	Hershey	
31	Tue.	at	Lehigh Valley	

January (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

3	Fri.	at	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	
10	Fri.		HERSHEY	
11	Sat.		HERSHEY	
14	Tue.		MILWAUKEE	
15	Wed.		MILWAUKEE	
18	Sat.		HARTFORD	
19	Sun.		HARTFORD	
22	Wed.	at	Iowa	
24	Fri.	at	Milwaukee	
25	Sat.	at	Milwaukee	
28	Tue.	at	Iowa	
31	Fri.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	

February (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

1	Sat.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
7	Fri.	at	Hartford	
8	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
15	Sat.		HARTFORD	
16	Sun.		HARTFORD	
22	Sat.		HERSHEY	
23	Sun.		HERSHEY	
28	Fri.	at	Cleveland	

March (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

1	Sat.	at	Cleveland	
4	Tue.		SPRINGFIELD	
5	Wed.		SPRINGFIELD	
8	Sat.		LEHIGH VALLEY	
9	Sun.		LEHIGH VALLEY	
12	Wed.	at	Rochester	
15	Sat.	at	Toronto	
16	Sun.	at	Toronto	
19	Wed.	at	Utica	
21	Fri.	at	Rochester	
22	Sat.	at	Utica	
25	Tue.		PROVIDENCE	
26	Wed.		PROVIDENCE	
29	Sat.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	
30	Sun.		WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON	

April (0-0-0-0; Home 0-0-0-0, Away 0-0-0-0)

4	Fri.	at	Providence	
5	Sat.	at	Bridgeport	
6	Sun.	at	Providence	
12	Sat.		UTICA	
13	Sun.		UTICA	
16	Wed.	at	Hartford	
18	Fri.	at	Springfield	
19	Sat.	at	Springfield	

CHECKERS VS WOLF PACK - TUES. NOV. 19TH - 11:00 AM



7-4-0-1
4TH IN ATLANTIC
 HC: GEORDIE KINNEAR
 AC: BOBBY SANGUINETTI

7-5-1-1
3RD IN ATLANTIC
 HC: GRANT POTULNY
 AC: PAUL MARA, JAMIE TARDIF



LAST TIME OUT

The Checkers were handed their second consecutive 4-2 loss, this time at the hands of the Springfield Thunderbirds on Saturday. Despite falling into a 2-0 hole in the second period, Trevor Carrick and Marek Alscher managed to get things tied up by the early stages of the third. For Carrick, it was another power-play goal for the league's best unit, his league-leading 10th power-play point. As for the Alscher, the goal marked his first in the AHL. Springfield would get the game winner with just about five-and-a-half left to play in the third thanks to Matthew Peca, and added an empty-netter in the final minute for good measure. Ken Appleby made 22 saves on 25 shots in the loss, his second of the season.

PREVIOUSLY VERSUS 'PACK

This is the second meeting of eight on the year between Hartford and Charlotte, with the first contest going in favor of the Wolf Pack last Friday. It was a 4-2 victory in favor of the home squad who got goals from Connor Mackey, Victor Mancini, Brandon Scanlin, and former Checker Casey Fitzgerald. Charlotte saw Kyle Criscuolo and John Leonard light the lamp, with the latter's coming late in the third, but ultimately, Charlotte couldn't climb out of a 3-1 hole. Chris Driedger was in goal for Charlotte turning aside 20 of the 23 shots he saw, while veteran Louis Domingue earned the win for the Pack with a 21 save performance.

POWER-PLAY POINT GETTERS

Along with Trevor Carrick's 10 power-play points, which leads the AHL, Charlotte boasts two other Top-5 scorers on the power-play, Kyle Criscuolo and Ryan McAllister, each with 8 points and tied for third most in the league. For Criscuolo, his five power-play goals has him sitting atop the league charts in that category, tied with Calgary's Walker Duehr.

BIG GUNS ON THE BACKEND

Charlotte boasts two of the league's highest scoring defenseman with both Trevor Carrick and Michael Benning ranking in the Top 10 among those in their position. For Carrick, his 12 points is tied for third, while Benning is tied for fourth in the league with 10 points.

MC-ALL-IN

Ryan McAllister's sophomore season with the Checkers continues to prove fruitful. The second-year forward is riding the team's longest point streak having registered a goal or an assist in each of the last five games. The Western Michigan product is getting it done with goals and assists, too. During his current streak, McAllister has registered three goals and three assists, while recording five goals and eight assists for thirteen total points in the first 12 games of the season.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- 11/11 DAVIES, Josh recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 11/10 BLACK, Cooper recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 11/7 BLACK, Cooper loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 11/7 DAVIES, Josh loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 11/6 LUFF, Matt released from PTO
- 11/1 GILES, Patrick loaned from NHL Florida
- 10/22 ZABANEH, Nicholas loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 10/21 GABER, Riese recalled from ECHL Savannah
- 10/21 HUGHES, Riley loaned to ECHL Savannah
- 10/16 STEEVES, Ben recalled from ECHL Savannah

ATLANTIC DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
Hershey	16	11	4	1	0	23
W-B/Scranton	13	8	4	1	0	17
Hartford	14	7	5	1	1	16
CHECKERS	12	7	4	0	1	15
Lehigh Valley	14	6	5	2	1	15
Providence	15	6	7	2	0	14
Springfield	15	6	8	1	0	13
Bridgeport	15	4	9	1	1	10

2024-25 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS TEAM ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	S/C	Hometown	2023-24 Team(s)
1	GUZDA, Mack	G	6'5	215	L	Knoxville, TN	Charlotte (AHL)
2	BENNING, Michael	D	5'9	177	R	St. Albert, AB	Charlotte (AHL)
3	KIERSTED, Matt	D	6'0	185	L	Elk River, MN	Charlotte (AHL)
4	MEGNA, Jaycob^	D	6'6	220	L	Plantation, FL	Chicago (NHL)/Coachella Valley (AHL)
5	CARRICK, Trevor^	D	6'2	175	L	Stouffville, ON	San Diego (AHL)
6	STEEVES, Ben*	F	5'9	170	L	Bedford, NH	Minnesota-Duluth (NCAA)/Charlotte (AHL)
8	VANDE SOMPEL, Mitch	D	5'11	190	L	London, ON	Charlotte (AHL)/Chicago (AHL)
9	ASPLUND, Rasmus^	F	5'11	185	L	Filipstad, SWE	Charlotte (AHL)
10	LOCKWOOD, Will	F	6'0	180	R	Royal Oak, MI	Florida (NHL)/Charlotte (AHL)
13	BEZEAU, Riley	F	6'0	188	R	Rothesay, NB	Charlotte (AHL)
14	HOVORKA, Mikulas	D	6'6	229	R	Prague, CZE	Ceske Budejovice (Czech)
15	CRISCUOLO, Kyle^	F	5'9	175	R	Southampton, NJ	Utica (AHL)
17	DAVIES, Josh*	F	5'9	197	L	Airdrie, AB	Portland (WHL)
18	ENTWISTLE, Mackenzie	F	6'3	203	R	Georgetown, ON	Chicago (NHL)
19	LEONARD, John	F	5'11	196	L	Westwood, NJ	Arizona (NHL)/Tucson (AHL)
21	DALPE, Zac^	F	6'2	193	R	Paris, ON	Charlotte (AHL)
23	McALLISTER, Ryan	F	5'10	182	L	London, ON	Charlotte (AHL)
24	SOURDIF, Justin	F	5'11	185	R	Richmond, BC	Florida (NHL)/Charlotte (AHL)
25	SKOOG, Wilmer	F	6'2	196	L	Stockholm, SWE	Charlotte (AHL)/Florida (ECHL)
27	ALSCHER, Marek*	D	6'3	198	L	Kladno, CZE	Portland (WHL)
28	McDONOUGH, Aidan	F	6'2	205	L	Milton, MA	Abbotsford (AHL)
29	VILMANIS, Sandis*	F	6'1	192	L	Riga, LAT	Sarnia (OHL)/North Bay (OHL)
31	BLACK, Cooper	G	6'8	223	L	Alpena, MI	Dartmouth (NCAA)
35	APPLEBY, Ken	G	6'4	210	L	North Bay, ON	New York Islanders (NHL)/Bridgeport (AHL)/Worcester (ECHL)
36	GILES, Patrick	F	6'5	217	R	Chevy Chase, MD	Charlotte (AHL)
38	OKULIAR, Oliver	F	6'0	182	L	Trencin, SVK	Hradec (CZECH)
39	GABER, Riese	F	5'8	165	R	Gilbert Plains, MB	North Dakota (NCAA)
40	BJORNFOT, Tobias	D	6'1	200	L	Upplands Vasby, SWE	Vegas (NHL)/Florida (NHL)/Henderson (AHL)
44	ARMSTRONG, Jamie	F	6'1	192	R	Warwick, RI	Boston College (NCAA)
60	DRIEDGER, Chris	G	6'4	210	L	Winnipeg, MB	Seattle (NHL)/Coachella (AHL)

* - Rookie ^ - Veteran

General Manager: Paul Krepelka	Equipment Manager: Chris Fournier
Head Coach: Geordie Kinnear	Asst. Equipment Manager: Eric Cosentino
Asst. Coach: Bobby Sanguinetti	Athletic Trainer: Zach Casinelli
Goaltending Coach: Sylvain Rodrigue	Strength & Conditioning Coach: Matt Murray
Video Coach: Will Cook	Broadcaster: TJ Chillot
Dir. of Player Personnel: Derek Wilkinson	PR: Paul Branecky, Nick Niedzielski

Pronunciations

1 gooz-DUH	21 DAL-pee
3 KEER-stid	25 WIL-muhr SKOOG
5 cair-ICK	27 MAIR-eck ALL-shur
8 VAN-duh SOHM-puhl	28 SAHN-diss VILL-muh-niss
9 RAZ-muhs ASS-plend	39 GAY-bur
13 BEE-zoh	38 AWL-ee-vuhr oh-COOL-yar
14 MICK-ooo-luss huh-VOR-kuh	40 toh-BYE-us BYORN-foot
15 criss-COH-loh	60 DREE-guhr
18 EHNT-wiss-uhl	

GAME NOTES

CURRENT INDIVIDUAL STREAKS

Stat	Player	Dates	Games (Qty)
Goals	None Active	None Active	--
Assists	McAllister	11/10/2024 - Present	3
Points	McAllister	11/03/2024 - Present	5

SEASON-HIGH INDIVIDUAL STREAKS

Stat	Player	Dates	Games (Qty)
Goals	McDonough	10/12/2024 - 10/18/2024	3
	Criscuolo	10/25/2024 - 11/03/2024	3
	McAllister	11/03/2024 - 11/10/2024	3
Assists	Carrick	10/12/2024 - 11/09/2024	6
Points	Carrick	10/12/2024 - 11/09/2024	7

CURRENT TEAM STREAKS

		Games	Dates
OVERALL	Winning		
	Losing	2	11/15/2024 - Present
	Points		
	Winless	2	11/15/2024 - Present
		Games	Dates
HOME	Winning	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Losing		
	Points	1	11/10/2024 - Present
	Winless		
		Games	Dates
AWAY	Winning		
	Losing	2	11/15/2024 - Present
	Points		
	Winless	3	11/03/2024 - Present

SEASON-HIGH TEAM STREAKS

		Games	Dates
OVERALL	Winning	3	Twice
	Losing	1	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024
	Points	4	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Winless	2	11/03/2024 - Present
		Games	Dates
HOME	Winning	2	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Losing	1	10/19/2024 - 10/25/2024
	Points	2	10/25/2024 - 11/09/2024
	Winless	2	11/03/2024 - Present
		Games	Dates
AWAY	Winning	3	10/12/2024 - 11/03/2024
	Losing	2	11/15/2024 - Present
	Points	4	10/12/2024 - 11/15/2024
	Winless	3	11/03/2024 - Present

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS (TEAM)

Most Goals (Game)	8	10/25/2024 vs BRI	Most goals against (Game)	6	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most PP Goals (Game)	4	Twice	Most PP goals against (Game)	2	Several Times
Most SH Goals (Game)	2	10/12/2024 at WBS	Most SH goals against (Game)	1	Several Times
Fastest Goal (Game)	1:34 (1st)	10/12/2024 at WBS (Megna)	Fastest goal against (Game)	2:30 (1st)	11/2/2024 at HER
Two Fastest Goals	1:11	10/12/2024 at WBS	Two fastest goals against	2:10	10/19/2024 vs CLE
Largest Winning Margin	6	10/25/2024 vs BRI (8-2)	Largest losing margin	2	Several Times
Most goals (Period)	5 (2nd)	10/25/2024 vs BRI	Most goals against (Period)	2	Several Times
Most PP goals (Period)	3	10/26/2024 vs BRI	Most PP goals against (Period)	1	Several Times
Most SH goals (Period)	1	10/12/2024 at WBS (Twice)	Most SH goals against (Period)	1	Twice
Fastest goal (Period)	:25 (2nd)	10/26/2024 vs BRI	Fastest goal against (Period)	0:51 (2nd)	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most shots (Game)	40	10/26/2024 vs BRI	Most shots against (Game)	37	10/12/2024 at WBS
Fewest shots (Game)	23	11/15/2024 at HFD	Fewest shots against (Game)	12	10/26/2024 vs BRI
Most shots combined (Game)	75	10/12/2024 at WBS	Fewest shots combined (Game)	47	11/15/2024 at HFD
Most shots (Period)	17 (2nd)	10/12/2024 at WBS	Most shots against (Period)	15 (1st)	10/12/2024 at WBS
Fewest shots (Period)	3 (2nd)	11/15/2024 at HFD	Fewest shots against (Period)	4	Several Times
Most shots combined (Period)	31 (2nd)	10/12/2024 at WBS	Fewest shots combined (Period)	9 (2nd)	11/15/2024 at HFD
Most PIM (Game)	24	10/25/2024 vs BRI	Most opponent PIM (Game)	27	11/15/2024 at HFD
Fewest PIM (Game)	10	Twice	Fewest opponent PIM (Game)	6	10/12/2024 at WBS
Most combined PIM (Game)	48	10/25/2024 vs BRI	Fewest combined PIM (Game)	48	10/25/2024 vs BRI
Most PIM (Period)	21 (3rd)	11/15/2024 at HFD			
Most opponent PIM (Period)	21 (3rd)	11/15/2024 at HFD			
Most combined PIM (Period)	42	11/15/2024 at HFD			

SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS (INDIVIDUAL)

Most goals (Game)	3	10/12/2024 at WBS (McDonough)	Most goals against (Game)	3	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most assists (Game)	4	10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo)	Most assists against (Game)	2	Several
Most points (Game)	4	10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo)	Most points against (Game)	4	11/10/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most PP goals (Game)	2	10/18/2024 vs CLE (McDonough)	Most PP goals against (Game)	1	Twice
Most PP assists (Game)	2	Several	Most PP assists against (Game)	1	Twice
Most PP points (Game)	3	11/10/2024 vs TOR (Carrick)	Most PP points against (Game)	1	Several
Most SH goals (Game)	1	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH goals against (Game)	1	Several
Most SH assists (Game)	1	10/13/2024 at BRI (Kiersted)	Most SH assists against (Game)	1	11/15/2024 at HFD (Leschyshyn)
Most SH points (Game)	1	Several	Most SH points against (Game)	1	Several
Most shots (Game)	6	Several	Most shots against (Game)	6	10/25/2024 vs BRI (Jefferies)
Most PIM (Game)	19	11/15/2024 at HFD (Sourdif)	Most PIM against (Game)	15	11/15/2024 at HFD (Belzile)
Highest +/- (Game)	+2	Several Players	Highest +/- against (Game)	+2	Several
Lowest +/- (Game)	-3	11/16/2024 at SPR (Skog)	Lowest +/- against (Game)	-2	Several
Most goals (Period)	3 (1st)	10/18/2024 vs CLE	Most goals against (Period)	2	11/10/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most assists (Period)	3	10/18/2024 vs CLE (McAllister)	Most assists against (Period)	2	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)
Most points (Period)	2	10/18/2024 vs CLE (McAllister)	Most points against (Period)	2	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)
Most PP goals (Period)	2	10/18/2024 vs CLE (McDonough)	Most PP goals against (Period)	1	Several
Most PP assists (Period)	1	10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo, McAllister)	Most PP assists against (Period)	1	Several
Most PP points (Period)	1	10/18/2024 vs CLE (Criscuolo, McAllister)	Most PP points against (Period)	1	Several
Most SH goals (Period)	1	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH goals against (Period)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most SH assists (Period)	1	10/13/2024 at BRI (Kiersted)	Most SH assists against (Period)		
Most SH points (Period)	1	10/12/2024 at WBS (Several)	Most SH points against (Period)	1	11/09/2024 vs TOR (Steeves)
Most PIM (Period)	19	11/15/2024 at HFD (Sourdif)	Most PIM against (Period)	15	11/15/2024 at HFD (Belzile)
Most saves (Game)	37	10/12/2024 at WBS (Driedger)	Most opponent saves (Game)	31	10/12/2024 at WBS (Larsson)
Most saves (Period)	13	10/12/2024 at WBS (Driedger)	Most opponent saves (Period)	15	10/12/2024 at WBS (Larsson)

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS GAME-BY-GAME DETAILS

Gm	Date	Opp	W/L	Score	Record	Pts	%	Std. Div/Conf.	Goalie	Scorers	Shots		PP		PIM	
											CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP	CLT	OPP
1	10/12	@WBS	W	7-6	1-0-0-0	2	1.000	1/1	Driedger	Megna, Entwistle, McDonough (3), Carrick, Asplund	38	37	1/3	1/7	14	6
2	10/13	@BRI	W	3-0	2-0-0-0	4	1.000	1/1	Appleby	McDonough, Asplund (2)	38	21	1/6	0/7	14	12
3	10/18	vs CLE	W	5-2	3-0-0-0	6	1.000	1/1	Driedger	Lockwood, McDonough (3), Vilmanis, Okuliar	31	24	2/4	1/3	17	15
4	10/19	vs CLE	L	2-4	3-1-0-0	6	0.750	2/3	Appleby	Leonard, Luff	25	30	1/4	1/6	10	14
5	10/25	vs BRI	W	8-2	4-1-0-0	8	0.800	2/3	Driedger	Vilmanis, McDonough, McAllister, Criscuolo, Luff, Asplund, Carrick, Benning	32	36	3/6	1/6	24	24
6	10/26	vs BRI	W	5-2	5-1-0-0	10	0.833	2/3	Black	Okuliar, Skoog, McAllister, Criscuolo (2)	40	12	4/8	0/4	12	20
7	11/2	@HER	W	4-2	6-1-0-0	12	0.857	2/3	Appleby	Leonard (2), Criscuolo, Asplund	29	24	2/2	1/5	10	6
8	11/3	@HER	SOL	3-4	6-1-0-1	13	0.813	3/5	Black	Bezeau, Benning, McAllister	27	16	1/4	1/4	8	8
9	11/9	vs TOR	L	3-4	6-2-0-1	13	0.722	3/7	Driedger	McDonough (2), McAllister	31	25	0/3	2/6	14	8
10	11/10	vs TOR	OTW	4-3	7-2-0-1	15	0.750	3/10	Appleby	Carrick, McAllister, Criscuolo, Skoog	31	26	4/7	2/4	10	16
11	11/15	at HFD	L	2-4	7-3-0-1	15	0.682	3/10	Driedger	Crucuolo, Leonard	23	24	1/5	0/3	23	27
12	11/16	at SPR	L	2-4	7-4-0-1	15	0.625	4/10	Appleby	Carrick, Alscher	27	26	1/4	1/2	6	10