

Chilliwack Chiefs (25-21-3-3) vs Merritt Centennials (21-26-4-1)

Friday February 16, 7pm

Prospera Centre, Chilliwack



The Chiefs will be looking for their fourth straight win when they host the Merritt Centennials Friday night at Prospera Centre.

Chilliwack went a perfect 3-0-0-0 last weekend with a pair of 3-2 wins over the Surrey Eagles and a 7-4 win over the West Kelowna Warriors.

Chiefs forwards PJ Marrocco, Corey Andonovski, and Ryan Bowen are all looking to extend three game point streaks. Marrocco has three goals and four assists in his last three games while Bowen has two goals and three

assists in including the overtime winner in Surrey on Monday. Andonovski has chipped in with a goal and two assists.

The Centennials have won two straight including a 4-1 win over the visiting Langley Rivermen on Wednesday. The trio of Zach Court, Zach Risteau and Brendan Schneider have been hot for the Cents as of late. Since being put on a line together they've combined for 22 points in six games.

A closer look at tonight's teams

	Chilliwack	Merritt
Record	25-21-3-3	21-26-4-1
Percentage of points earned	9th (53.%)	14th (45.3%)
Current Streak	W3	W2
Home Record	15-8-1-2	12-11-2-0
Away Record	10-13-2-1	9-15-2-1
Head to Head 2017-18	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0
Goal Differential	10th (-3)	9th (+2)
Penalty Minutes	4th (795)	7th (713)
Power Play %	12th (16.9%)	8th (19.0%)
Penalty Kill %	3rd (85.3%)	7th (82.8%)
Power Play Opportunities	9th (242)	14th (231)
Times Shorthanded	2nd (285)	6th (268)
Power Play Goals For	12th (41)	10th (44)
Power Play Goals Against	12th (42)	9th (46)
Shorthanded Goals For	8th (7)	3rd (11)
Shorthanded Goals Against	5th (9)	11th(5)

FACTS & FIGURES

Chiefs College Commitments:

Anthony Vincent – Holy Cross
PJ Marrocco – Arizona State
Will Calverley - RIT
Harrison Blaisdell – North Dakota
Skyler Brind'Amour – Michigan State
Kaden Pickering – Quinnipiac
Corey Andonovski – Princeton
Tommy Lee – RPI
Jake Gresh – University Of Alaska Fairbanks
Powell Connor – Michigan State

Where the Chiefs are from:

BC – 7 (Mathieu Caron, Harrison Blaisdell, Sean McCloskey, Wyatt Elmer, Bryan Allbee, Powell Connor, Ryan Bowen)
Alberta – 4 (Tommy Lee, Adam Berg, Kyle Yewchuk, PJ Marrocco)
Ontario – 5 (Daniel Chenard, Ryan Miotto, Will Calverley, Corey Andonovski, Regan Kimens)
New Brunswick – 1 (Marcus Tesink)
Connecticut – 2 (Anthony Vincent, Jake Gresh)
New Hampshire – 1 (Matt Slick)
North Carolina – 1 (Skyler Brind'Amour)
California – 1 (Jared Turcotte)
New York – 1 (Kaden Pickering)

Chiefs by age

16 – 1 (Harrison Blaisdell)
17 – 3 (Mathieu Caron, Sean McCloskey, Powell Connor)
18 – 7 (Daniel Chenard, Matt Slick, Ryan Miotto, Skyler Brind'Amour, Corey Andonovski, Wyatt Elmer, Regan Kimens)
19 – 5 (Kyle Yewchuk, Will Calverley, Ryan Bowen, Kaden Pickering, Jake Gresh, Marcus Tesink)
20 – 6 (Anthony Vincent, Tommy Lee, Jared Turcotte, Adam Berg, Bryan Allbee, PJ Marrocco)

Chiefs Last Five Games

February 3: Chiefs 3 at Prince George 4 OT
February 7: Chiefs 1 at Vernon 4
February 9: Chiefs 3 vs Surrey 2
February 11: Chiefs 7 vs West Kelowna 4
February 12: Chiefs 3 at Surrey 2 (OT)

Chiefs Next Five Games

February 17: at Alberni Valley
February 18: at Powell River
February 21: at Nanaimo
February 23: vs Prince George
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Standings tight in BCHL's Mainland Division

by Jacob Bestebroer – for The Progress
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A near perfect weekend by the Chiefs has created quite the log jam in the BCHL's mainland division.

After a pair of 3-2 wins over Surrey, and a 7-4 win against the West Kelowna Warriors, the Chiefs now have 56 points with six games left. Monday's win in Surrey came in overtime, giving the Eagles a single point, leaving them with 56 points as well. The Eagles, who have lost seven straight have five games left. The Langley Rivermen also had 56 points with five games left.

The Prince George Spruce Kings haven't quite clinched first place in the division but with 68 points, they will finish first, leaving the other three teams to battle for spots two through four.

Looking at each of the three team's remaining games, it's impossible to guess how it will end up.

The Chiefs play Merritt at home Friday before traveling to Alberni Valley Saturday and Powell River Sunday afternoon. They'll finish the season with a trip to Nanaimo next Wednesday and two back to back home games against Prince George on the 23rd and 24th of February. To the best of my knowledge that will be the first time the Chiefs have ever played the same team on back to back nights at home during the regular season.

Langley will host Penticton and Coquitlam this weekend before finishing with three games in three nights next weekend in Coquitlam and then home to Merritt and Prince George.

The Eagles will host Prince George and Penticton this weekend before traveling to the Island for three games in three nights in Nanaimo, Cowichan and Victoria next weekend.

Looking at all that info, if I had to guess, I would say Surrey finishes fourth while the Chiefs and Rivermen will finish second and third and face each other in round one.

Should the Chiefs end up tied with either Langley or Surrey, there is a good chance the tie breaker would go to the Chiefs. The first tie breaker is total wins. For Langley and Chilliwack to end up tied and the Chiefs not to get the tie breaker, it would take Langley earning six points on three wins in their final six games and the Chiefs to earn one point by either tying or losing each of their six remaining games in overtime. That seems unlikely.

It's not as easy to predict which team would get the tie breaker should the Chiefs end up tied in points with Surrey. With six games left the Eagles have one fewer win than the Chiefs so that's an advantage to the Chiefs. Should they end up tied in points and total wins, the Chiefs would get the tie breaker because they have more wins in head to head games this season.

