



**READING ROYALS**



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## ***The Royal Playoff Road Ahead***

*Reading Seeks to Bounce Back in Game Four of North Division Semifinals*

### **READING ROYALS @ BRAMPTON BEAST**

**Powerade Centre – Brampton, Ontario**

**Game Time 7:15 PM et – Royals Broadcast: 6:45 PM et**

#### **GAME FOUR NORTH DIVISION SEMIFINAL BEST-OF-SEVEN FIRST ROUND PLAYOFF SERIES**

**Brampton Leads Series Two-Games-to-One**

**Game One – Brampton @ Reading: Reading 2 – Brampton 1 (REA Led Series 1-0)**

**Game Two – Brampton @ Reading: Brampton 2 – Reading 1 (OT) (Series Tied 1-1)**

**Game Three – Reading @ Brampton: Brampton 2 – Reading 1 (BRM Leads Series 2-1)**

Game Four – Reading @ Brampton, Thursday, April 20 @ 7:15 pm et

Game Five – Reading @ Brampton, Saturday, April 22 @ 8:30 pm et

Game Six – Brampton @ Reading, Monday, April 24 @ 7:00 pm et, if necessary

Game Seven – Brampton @ Reading, Tuesday, April 25 @ 7:00 pm et, if necessary

### **ROYALS BROADCAST**

**AUDIO:** iHeartRadio – Rumba 1340 in Reading

**TELEVISION:** Royals' Road Games are televised locally in Berks County, Pennsylvania on BCTV, which Can Found at Comcast Reading Cable Channel 15, Service Electric Cable Channel 19, Comcast Southern Berks Channel 965

**STREAMING VIDEO:** ECHL.TV powered by NeuLion (Pay-Per-View)

### **ROYALS PRE-GAME NOTES**

- Tonight, the Royals take on the Brampton Beast in Game Four of the North Division Semifinal Best-of-Seven first round playoff series at Powerade Centre in Brampton, Ontario.
  - The Beast lead the series two-games-to-one after Tuesday's 2-1 win over Reading here in Brampton.
  - The Royals took Game One in the series on Thursday, April 14 (2-1); and the Beast bounced back to claim Game Two on Saturday, April 17 (2-1 in overtime).
  - Game Five will be played here at the Powerade Centre on Saturday, April 22 @ 8:30 pm.
  - If Games Six (Monday, April 24) and Seven (Tuesday, April 25) become necessary, those will be played at Santander Arena in Reading.

- Tuesday's 2-1 loss for the Royals in Game Three marked the first regulation loss ever for Reading at Powerade Centre. Prior to that game, Reading had compiled a record of 4-0-3-0 in seven regular season games played over the past three seasons here in Brampton.
- In Game Three on Tuesday, Brampton scored on their first power play chance of the game 12:28 into the first period. 2:32 later, the Beast bagged what proved to be the game winner when former Royal David Vallorani scored his first goal of the playoff series.
  - Reading broke through on the team's second power play chance of the game 15:15 into the second period to cut the lead in half; but that was all the team was able to muster despite generating several quality chances late in the game when Reading was on a power play and had pulled the goaltender to gain a six-on-four skater advantage with 2:07 remaining in regulation.
- All three games in the first round series between the Royals and Beast have been resolved by identical 2-1 scores.
  - The two teams have accounted for a total of nine goals (4 for Reading; 5 for Brampton) in the first three games played.
    - In the twenty-three prior playoff series played by the Royals in the team's eleven previous trips to the post-season, there is only one series in which the two teams have combined for fewer goals scored in the first three games than the current one: the 2005 North Division Semifinals against the Toledo (then-) Storm when the two teams combined for just four total goals in the first three games (which featured three shutouts—one by Scott Fankhouser of Toledo; and two by Barry Brust of Reading).
    - The four goals scored by Reading in the first three games of this series (1.33 goals per game) are second fewest in team history at this stage of a playoff series. The Royals scored just three in the first three games of the 2005 North Division Semis—but won two of those contests.
    - The five goals allowed by the Royals in this series is tied for the third fewest allowed by the team through the first three games of a playoff series: (i) in the 2005 North Division Semis against Toledo, Reading only allowed one goal in the first three games (with 2 shutouts); (ii) in the 2013 Eastern Conference Quarterfinals against the Greenville (then-) Road Warriors, Reading only allowed four goals against in the first three games (with two shutouts); and (iii) in the 2010 American Conference Finals against the Cincinnati Cyclones, the Royals only allowed five goals against in the first three games of the series (winning all three).
- Reading was outshot 32-26 in Tuesday's 2-1 loss in Game Three. The Royals have been outshot in each of the three games so far played during this series, and, collectively, have been outshot by a total of 116 to 93 (-23) in the three games played.
- The Royals lone goal on Tuesday came while the team was playing with the man advantage (1-4). That was the first power play goal of the series for Reading on the team's tenth opportunity with the man advantage.
  - Reading has gone 1-12 (8.3%) so far against Brampton on the power play in this series. Adding in the ten power play chances that Reading had against the Beast in the three games played between the two teams in the regular season, the Royals power play has gone 2 for 22 against the Brampton (9.1%).
- Brampton scored the first goal in Tuesday's game, marking the first time in the series in which the Beast struck first. That goal came 12:28 into the first period on Brampton's first power play chance of the game. The Beast PP was kept off the board in the four additional chances that they had with the man advantage (1-5) from that point forward.
  - Overall, in the first three games of the series, Brampton has gone 2 for 12 on the PP, which is a 16.7 % scoring percentage. Including the three regular season games played between the two teams, the Beast has gone 3 for 19 in the six total games (15.8%) played between Reading and Brampton this year.

- Matt Willows scored the lone goal for Reading on Thursday. That was his first goal of this playoff season; but was the third career playoff goal score by Willows, who scored a pair in six playoff games (2g-4a) for the Florida Everblades last season.
  - Willows goal on Tuesday was scored while Reading was playing with the man advantage. During the regular season, four of Willows' eighteen goals that he scored with the Royals were notched while the team was on the power play.
- Chris McCarthy was awarded the lone assist on Willows' goal on Tuesday. That was the third assist of the series for McCarthy, who has picked up a helper in each of the three games played so far in the series.
- Todd Perry is expected to become only the second player in team history to play in forty or more playoff game as a Royal tonight. Only Yannick Tifu (46 games) has played more post-season games for the team than Perry. In thirty-nine career playoff games for Reading, Perry has recorded eight points (1g-7a) and fifty-six penalty minutes.
- Olivier Labelle is expected to play in his thirty-eighth playoff game for Reading this evening (14g-14a=28pts, 80 pims). That is third most in team history, surpassing Alex Berry who played thirty-seven post-season games for the team.
- Goaltender Mark Dekanich made 30 saves in Tuesday's 2-1 loss for the Royals. Dekanich has now stopped a total of 111 of the 116 total shots he's faced in the first three games of the season, which is a .957 save percentage (second best in the league). His 111 saves are tied for the league lead. Dekanich currently has a 1.56 goals against average, which is third best in the league. Tuesday's loss marked the first regulation loss for Dekanich in his last seven games played (5-1-1). Dekanich has compiled a record of 10-2-3 in his last fifteen games.

### **ROYALS PLAYOFF TRANSACTIONS**

**04/10/17**

Announce Playoff Roster: 21 Players (19 Skaters and 2 Goaltenders) (19 Active / 2 on ECHL Reserve) (3 Playoff Eligible)

**04/12/17**

Delete	Steven Swavely (f)	Recalled to Lehigh Valley (AHL)
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**04/13/17**

Add	Ian Watters (f)	Activated from ECHL Reserve List
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**04/14/17**

Delete	Martin Ouellette (g)	Recalled to Lehigh Valley (AHL)
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**04/15/17**

Add	Evan Cowley (g)	Signed to Amateur Tryout Agreement
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## **NEXT UP FOR THE ROYALS** **SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017** **@ Brampton Beast**

Game Five of the North Division Semi-Final Best-of-Seven  
 Powerade Centre – Brampton, ON (8:30 pm)