C **JAMES GRIFFIN**

We spent two minutes in the box with Captain James Griffin and found out this SPOER

Q: How did you get into ice hockey?

Watching Mighty Ducks! My sister was a figure skater, so I started skating when I was 3 and started hockey at 7.

Q: Ice hockey inspiration?

Alexei Yashin.

Q: Career highlights?

Winning bronze with GB at U20 World Championships in Belarus, winning EIHL playoffs with Coventry Blaze and of course winning the playoffs with MK!

Q: Toughest player you've played against?

Probably in the EIHL, Nathan Robinson from the Belfast Giants.

Q: Which player in the league do you have the most beef with?

There's a long list - I won't go in to details!!



IN THE BOX

Q: Was it hard transitioning from player to captain?

Not too hard as I've been developing my leadership skills for a few years, having worn the 'A' previously. It's a privilege to now wear the 'C' and I will give it my all.Q: Favourite cheese?

Wensleydale and cranberry.

Q: Pre-game meal?

ID #1

Pasta with tomato sauce and chicken

Q: Game day superstitions?

Always get changed from left to right - and has to be 30 minutes before warm up!

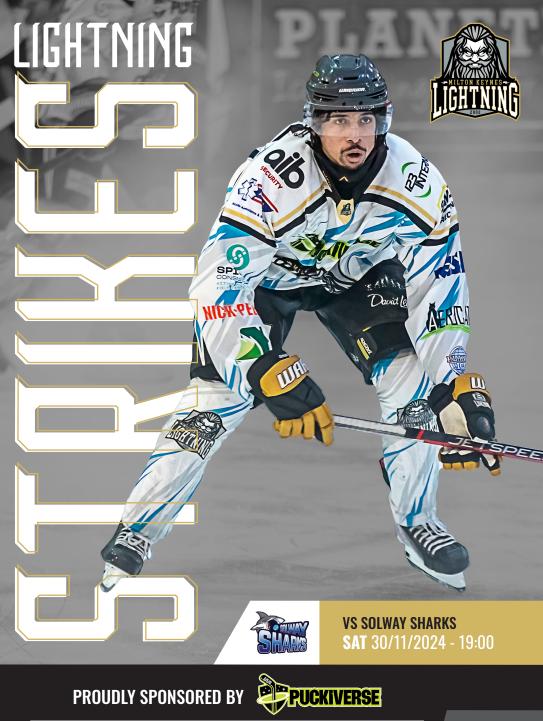
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RECENT MATCHES MAN OF THE MATCH



In Saturday's thrilling 6-2 win over Leeds Knights, Corey McEwen took the spotlight with two vital Goley McEwen took the sponght with two vital goals and earning the Man of the Match award. His contribution helped Lightning secure 2 points and move to the top spot in the league. Sunday's hard-fought 4-3 shootout win against the Bees saw Martins Susters shine, netting a crucial goal and securing the MOM honours.

JORDAN SPADAFORE PLAYER PROFILE

Jordan Spadafore brings a physical presence to the Milton Keynes Lightning as a defenseman. Joining the team for the 2024/25 season, Spadafore previously played in the SPHL with the Evansville Thunderbolts, where he recorded 5 points (3 goals, 2 assists) in 46 games during the 2023/24 season. Known for his tough defensive play and willingness to engage physically, Spadafore will add grit and toughness to the Lightning's blue line, making him a key player in defensive situations.

COACH'S COMMENTS

What a great game and environment to be a part of on Saturday night. A packed house with two top teams battling it out. We all laid it on the line and wore them down in the end. Hedley had a great game and we were able to get the two points through relentless effort. The fans were awesome and they definitely pushed us over the line. Sunday not everyone bought in and we were a little too easy to play against. We created some chances and their goalie shut the door. We then take two penalties late and give them a 5 on 3 and they buried to tie it up. We found a way after that and were rewarded with a 4 point weekend. We have to keep pushing in the right direction as a team if we want to gain any momentum after this weekend. A tough weekend ahead that we need to dig deep for.

Olivier Arseneau made a significant impact in his first season with the Solway Sharks in 2023/24. ecording an impressive 55 points (10 goals, 45 assists) in 54 games. His offensive contributions from the blue line, combined with his physical play, make him a cornerstone of the Sharks' defense. Arseneau's ability to drive play and create scoring opportunities will continue to be crucial for Solway in the upcoming season.





Caly Robertson brought his offensive talent to the Solway Sharks in the latter half of the 2023/24 season, recording 30 points (14 goals, 16 assists) in 30 games. Robertson's ability to play on either wing and his knack for finding the back of the net make him a dangerous player in the NIHL. As he gears up for a full season with the Sharks in 2024/25, Robertson is expected to be a key contributor to the team's offensive success.

John Dunbar was an offensive powerhouse for the Solway Sharks in the 2023/24 season, leading the team with 94 points (23 goals, 71 assists) in 54 games. His playmaking abilities were on full display, helping the Sharks to a successful campaign. Dunbar's experience and vision on the ice make him one of the most dangerous forwards in the NIHL, and he will be a key player for Solway in the 2024/25 season.



HOME TEAM

PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	PENS	SOG	PLAYER
#1 JORDAN HEDLEY (G)					#5 - OLIVIER ARSENEAU (D)"/
#4 ARCHIE SALISBURY (D)					#6 - STUART KERR (D)"A"
#5 JORDAN SPADAFORE (D)					#9 - MASON ALDERSON (LW/I
#10 TOMS RUTKIS (RW/C)					#10 - LIAM STENTON (D)"C"
#11 CALLUM FIELD (C)					#12 - KELL BEATTIE (D)
#14 DILLON LAWRENCE (C) "A"					#15 - KIERAN HAIR (LW)
#15 JAMES GRIFFIN (D) "C"					#16 - BAILEY THOMSON (F)
#16 MACK STEWART (RW/LW)					#17 - JOE LYNCH (C/LW)
#17 COREY MCEWEN (C)					#21 - TORRAN ANDERSON (F)
#24 CARTER HAMILL (C/LW)					#22 - JOHN DUNBAR (RW)
#25 EDWARD KNAGGS (D)					#25 - CONNOR HENDERSON (
#28 TIM WALLACE (C/RW)					#30 - CALUM HEPBURN (G)
#29 OLLIE BOOTH (G)					#33 - JORDAN MARR (G)
#31 WILLIAM KERLIN (G)					#37 - LOGAN REID (G)
#33 MILIQUE MARTELLY (D)					#43 - NOLAN GARDINER (C)"J
#59 ROSS VENUS (RW/LW/C) "A"					#49 - LIAM DANSKIN (D)
#71 HARRY GULLIVER (F)					#53 - KIAN SHEVLIN (D)
#72 RICHARD HARTMANN (F)					#55 - OWEN RAE (D)
#77 MARTINS SUSTERS (F)					#63 - JOE COULTER (F)"A"
#89 RIO GRINELL-PARKE (F)					#68 - CALLUM BOYD (F)
#95 JORDAN COWNIE (F)					#88 - KYLE CARRUTH (RW/LV
#96 BEN SOLDER (D)					#89 - SCOTT HENDERSON (RV

AWAY TEAM

SOG	PLAYER	GOALS	ASSISTS	PENS	SOG
	#5 - OLIVIER ARSENEAU (D)"A"				
	#6 - STUART KERR (D)"A"				
	#9 - MASON ALDERSON (LW/D)				
	#10 - LIAM STENTON (D)"C"				
	#12 - KELL BEATTIE (D)				
	#15 - KIERAN HAIR (LW)				
	#16 - BAILEY THOMSON (F)				
	#17 - JOE LYNCH (C/LW)				
	#21 - TORRAN ANDERSON (F)				
	#22 - JOHN DUNBAR (RW)				
	#25 - CONNOR HENDERSON (LW/RW)				
	#30 - CALUM HEPBURN (G)				
	#33 - JORDAN MARR (G)				
	#37 - LOGAN REID (G)				
	#43 - NOLAN GARDINER (C)"A"				
	#49 - LIAM DANSKIN (D)				
	#53 - KIAN SHEVLIN (D)				
	#55 - OWEN RAE (D)				
	#63 - JOE COULTER (F)"A"				
	#68 - CALLUM BOYD (F)				
	#88 - KYLE CARRUTH (RW/LW)				
	#89 - SCOTT HENDERSON (RW)"A"				
	#92 - CALY ROBERTSON (LW/RW)				





NOTABLE PLAYERS

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