



# 2025-26 MEDIA NOTES

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## EVERETT SILVERTIPS at WENATCHEE WILD – TOWN TOYOTA CENTER

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2026 | Time: 4:00 pm PT | STREAM: VICTORY+, KRKO 1380 AM & 95.3 FM

### TODAY'S MATCHUP AND SERIES NOTES

This is the sixth of eight meetings this season... The Tips finished 6-1-1 last season against the Wild and are 17-2-2 against them since the franchise moved to Wenatchee... Everett is currently #1 in the WHL Power Rankings and #1 in the CHL Top-10,

### HEAD TO HEAD vs WENATCHEE:

Sep. 20	Wenatchee vs Everett	4-3 W (SO)	Jan. 3	Wenatchee vs Everett	6-0 W
Sep. 27	Everett vs Wenatchee	4-1 W	Mar. 1	Everett vs Wenatchee	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Everett vs Wenatchee	4-1 W	Mar. 20	Everett vs Wenatchee	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Wenatchee vs Everett	3-2 W	Mar. 21	Wenatchee vs Everett	6:05 p.m.

### ABOUT LAST GAME...

**EVT 3, SEA 2 (OT) (2/28/26).** Everett trailed 1-0 heading into the third period and 2-1 in the final frame, but a Carter Bear powerplay goal sends the game to overtime where Julius Miettinen's second of the night ends it in the Tips' favor. Anders Miller turned aside 23 of 25 including a Simon Lovsin penalty shot for the win.

### ALL-TIME AGAINST KOOTENAY/WINNIPEG/WENATCHEE (26-12-1-4-0)

- LEADER, PTS (EVT): BEN HEMMERLING (16)
- LEADER, GOALS (EVT): DOMINIK RYMON (6)
- LEADER, ASSISTS (EVT): BEN HEMMERLING (12)
- LEADER, WINS (EVT): TYLER PALMER (6)
- LEADER, POINTS (WEN): GRAHAM SWARD (11)
- LEADER, GOALS (WEN): R. RUSSELL, D. SYLVESTER, A. CRACKNELL (4)
- LEADER, ASSISTS (WEN): GRAHAM SWARD (8)
- LEADER, WINS (WEN): DANIEL HAUSER, NATHAN LIEUWEN (3)

### WHEN LAST WE MET...

**EVT 6, WEN 0 (1/3/26).** Everett opened the calendar year with a dominant home victory over the Wenatchee Wild. Tarin Smith led the way with three assists, while Landon DuPont potted a goal and two assists. Flyers prospect Luke Vlooswyk recorded an assist in his Silvertips debut.

**KING OF THE HATS:** Carter Bear donned the famed taco hat on AOTW ice once more, as he netted his fifth career hat trick against the Seattle Thunderbirds on Feb. 21. He is now tied with Patrick Bajkov for most hat tricks in franchise history and has surpassed Austin Roest and Jackson Berezowski, who each recorded four.

**SE7EN:** The Silvertips set a franchise record with seven goals in a single period on Feb. 21 at home against Seattle, doing so on 20 shots. The previous record had been set two-times over- once on Mar. 3, 2023 in the second period during a 10-3 win over Portland, and once on Jan. 19, 2024 in the second period amidst an 11-1 win at Spokane.

**SWISHIN' AND DISHIN':** Julius Miettinen became the 17<sup>th</sup> Silvertip to reach 100 career assists on Feb. 21 vs SEA, doing so in 143 games. Carter Bear hit the mark by tying a career-high with three helpers on Feb. 1 vs TC. Earlier this season, Tarin Smith reached 100 career assists in his 167<sup>th</sup> career game on Nov. 28 vs SC. Smith is just the fifth defenseman to hit the marker, joining Kevin Davis (149 assists in 347 games), Wyatt Wylie (121 in 272), Olen Zellweger (103 in 148) and Jake Christiansen (102 in 297). Jesse Heslop reached 100 assists as a Silvertip on Sep. 27 at WEN, his 200<sup>th</sup> career game.

**ALL ABOUT U.S.:** The Silvertips clinched their 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Division title in 23 seasons of operation on Feb. 13 at Lethbridge. They became the first Western Conference team to clinch a spot in the WHL Playoffs with a 6-3 win over Red Deer on Feb. 10. Everett has qualified for the playoffs in all 23 seasons of operation dating back to 2003-04.

**CARDIAC KIDS:** A win over the Kamloops Blazers on Feb. 6 when trailing 3-2 after two improved the Silvertips' record to 7-4-1 when behind after 40 minutes of play- the best such record in the WHL. Last season, the Tips were 3-11-3 in the same scenario.

**BATTLE OF THE SOUND:** The Tips are now 3-0 in the annual Battle of the Sound at Climate Pledge Arena. Koen MacInnes pitched a 48-save shutout in the first Battle of the Sound back on Feb. 26, 2022, with Everett native Hunter Campbell opening and closing the scoring in a 4-0 victory. Everett scored four unanswered goals in the second period to earn a 5-3 win in their second appearance on Dec. 27, 2024. On Jan. 31, 2026, Carter Bear recorded two goals and Matias Vanhanen logged four points in a 5-1 victory over Seattle in front of 7,074 fans.

**SHUFFLING UP TO BUFFALO:** Defenseman Brek Liske (#34) and forward Matias Vanhanen (#76) were named to the NHL Central Scouting Service Midterm Rankings ahead of the 2026 NHL Draft in Buffalo. Both will participate in the WHL Prospects Game in Langley on Feb. 18.

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**BEAR CANADA & THE FINNISH CONNECTION:** **Carter Bear** earned Bronze with Team Canada at the 2026 World Junior Championship in Minnesota. He appeared in two tournament games. Meanwhile, **Matias Vanhanen** finished with six assists in seven games for Finland while **Julius Miettinen**, serving as Finland's alternate captain, netted two goals with two assists.

**HAD US IN THE FIRST HALF:** The Silvertips logged the best first half in franchise history, entering the holiday break with a 27-3-3 record. The 27-win mark equals the Scotty Munro Memorial Trophy-winning 2006-07 Silvertips through their first 33 games played, with the '25-26 Tips' 57 points surpassing the '06-07 Tips by two.

**IT'S MILLER TIME:** **Anders Miller** has been superb as backstop of the Silvertips since coming over via trade on Oct. 13. In 12 appearances as a Silvertip, Miller has a 18-3-0 record with a 2.00 goals-against average and a .924 save percentage. He has pitched two shutouts on Nov. 14 at Tri-City (20 saves) and on Nov. 28 at Swift Current (15 saves).

**GREEN BEAR CASSEROLE:** **Carter Bear** brought a Thanksgiving treat on Nov. 26, recording his third career hat trick against the Regina Pats. Two of his three goals came on the powerplay, which finished 4-for-5 on the night. The hat trick is the 91<sup>st</sup> in team history. Bear is now tied for fourth in total hat tricks in team history, behind Patrick Bajkov (5), Jackson Berezowski (4) and Austin Roest (4). The Tips have now recorded four hat tricks this season, all on home ice.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** The Everett Silvertips won a franchise-record 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive road game on Nov. 8, 2025 with a 4-3 overtime win at Kamloops. The win streak surpasses a previous franchise high of nine games set from Oct. 3-Nov. 19, 2021. The streak is ended at 13 straight games after a 4-3 regulation loss to Vancouver on Nov. 29. The WHL record for consecutive road wins stands at 18.

**DUFOUR AT THE WHC:** Silvertip forward Mirco Dufour earned a gold medal representing Canada Red at the U17 World Challenge. He finished the tournament with four goals and an assist, including a goal in the gold medal game against Canada White. Drafted 19<sup>th</sup>-overall in 2024, Dufour logged 24 goals and 30 assists for 54 points with Edge Prep U18 last season. He was named a CSHL U18 Top Freshman for his efforts.

**IT'S RAINING HATS, HALLELUJAH:** **Shea Busch** netted his first career hat trick and the 90<sup>th</sup> in franchise history on Oct. 4 vs Victoria- just one day after his linemate **Julius Miettinen** recorded one against Tri-City. It is only the fourth time in franchise history the team has recorded hat tricks on back-to-back nights (**Peter Mueller** and **John Lammers** on Jan. 13 and 14, 2006; **Moises Gutierrez** and **Kyle Beach** on Dec. 2 and 3, 2006; **Bryce Kindopp** and **Connor Dewar** on Feb. 1 and 2, 2019).

**A KRAKEN GOOD DAY:** **Julius Miettinen** had a day that dreams are made of on Friday, Oct. 3, signing his entry-level contract with the Seattle Kraken in the afternoon and netting his first career hat trick in the evening against Tri-City. Miettinen was originally drafted 40<sup>th</sup>-overall by Seattle at the 2024 NHL Draft. The Tips have recorded 14 hat tricks against Tri-City, more than any other opponent in the league.

**TIPS WIN SCOTTY MUNRO, CLINCH 10<sup>TH</sup> U.S. DIVISION CROWN:** The Everett Silvertips earned their second Scotty Munro Memorial Trophy for best regular season record in franchise history last season with a 48-12-4-4 record (104 points). Their first such award came in 2006-07, a campaign in which the team earned 111 points. With a 2-1 regulation win in Spokane on Mar. 16, 2025 the team collected 100 points in the standings for the fourth time in team history. The Tips have won three U.S. Division titles in the last five years and 10 in their 22-year history. They cracked triple-digit points for the fourth time in team history.

**LONDON DUROY:** **Landon DuPont** became the second-youngest player to win CHL Rookie of the Year on June 13, 2025, claiming the honor at just 16 years and 16 days old (**John Tavares** won the award at 15 years old). He was the first blueliner in 30 years to win it and just the third in CHL history after **Philippe Boucher** ('90-91) and **Bryan Berard** ('94-95). DuPont also became the first rookie WHL defenseman since Hockey Hall of Famer **Scott Niedermayer** (1989-90, KAM) to record 50 points in a season on Feb. 2, 2025 vs KAM.

**FAVORITE SEASON? AWARDS:** In addition to DuPont's Rookie of the Year, Carter Bear was named a Western Conference Second-Team All-Star following a 40-goal, 82-point campaign in 56 games played. He became just the seventh 40-goal scorer in Silvertip history. General Manager Mike Fraser was also named a finalist for the league's Executive of the Year, while the Silvertips organization was nominated for the league's Business of the Year award.

**BEAR & BUSCH AT THE DRAFT:** **Carter Bear** was selected 13<sup>th</sup>-overall to the Detroit Red Wings in the NHL Draft in Los Angeles, while **Shea Busch** was drafted to the reigning champion Florida Panthers in the fourth-round, 128<sup>th</sup>-overall. They are the 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Silvertips to be picked in the NHL Draft, respectively.

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?:** The Everett Silvertips have some old faces in new places to start the 2025-26 season. Overager **Tyler MacKenzie** committed to reigning NCAA champion Western Michigan University, while **Dominik Rymon** will attend Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Overager **Austin Roest** will join the Milwaukee Admirals, AHL affiliates of the Nashville Predators. Flames prospect and 2005-born defenseman **Eric Jamieson** has departed the team to join the University of Denver, while Seattle Kraken prospect and 2005-born defenseman **Kaden Hammell** will start the season with the AHL's Coachella Valley Firebirds.

### MILESTONE WATCH

- **GAMES PLAYED**
  - **Rylan Gould played his 300<sup>th</sup> career game on Feb. 22 vs TC**
  - **Jesse Heslop played his 250<sup>th</sup> career game on Feb. 27 vs KAM**
- **POINTS/SCORING**

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- **Carter Bear** is 2 goals from 100 in his WHL career
- **Julius Miettinen** reached **100 career assists on Feb. 21 vs SEA**
- **Rylan Gould** is 11 points away from 200 in his WHL career