



# WEEKLY RELEASE

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## COMING THIS WEEK

Tues., Apr. 21	Manitoba Moose at Toronto Marlies	7:00 pm	Ricoh Coliseum
Thu., Apr. 23	Manitoba Moose at Toronto Marlies	7:00 pm	Ricoh Coliseum
Sat., Apr. 25	*Toronto Marlies at Manitoba Moose	8:30 pm	MTS Centre

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## **MARLIES LEAD SERIES 2-1 & BATTLE MOOSE TONIGHT IN GAME 4** **Toronto Continues Their Best-of-Seven Series Against Moose Tonight at Ricoh Coliseum**

### Opponent This Week:



(Apr. 21, 23 & 25): The Marlies continue their best-of-seven, North Division Semifinal series against the Manitoba Moose – AHL affiliate of the Vancouver Canucks – tonight for Game 4 at Ricoh Coliseum. The Marlies used a Bates Battaglia overtime goal to win Game 1 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg to open the series. In Game 2 the Moose rebounded with a 4-2 victory to tie the series. On Sunday afternoon, in the Marlies' first home game, Tim Stapleton propelled Toronto with the game-winner to regain the series lead with a 2-1 win. The Moose have yet to beat the Marlies at Ricoh Coliseum this season. Guillaume Desbiens, Michael Grabner and Jason Krog all share the Moose team lead with three points in the postseason. Krog paced the way for the Moose with 86 points (30 goals, 56 assists). Toronto finished the regular season with a 6-2-0-0 record against their division-rival, including having won their last six meetings. Manitoba's 0.669 regular season points percentage ranked first (tie) in the AHL. Michael Grabner was drafted in the first round (14<sup>th</sup> overall) by the Vancouver Canucks in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft; he finished first (tie) on the team with 30 goals. Manitoba captain Mike Keane is a three-time Stanley Cup winner. He won with the Montreal Canadiens in 1993, the Colorado Avalanche in 1996 and the Dallas Stars in 1999. He is a veteran of 1161 NHL games where he recorded 470 points (168 goals, 302 assists).

Jason Krog won the Calder Cup last season with the Chicago Wolves and was named the playoff MVP and regular season MVP of the league. He became only the third player in AHL history to lead the league in goals, assists and points. Krog and Andre Deveaux were teammates with the Chicago Wolves last season. Manitoba finished the season with the fourth ranked penalty kill in the AHL with an 85.6% success rate. The Manitoba Moose finished their 80 game regular season with a 50-23-1-6 record and 107 points for first place in the division, conference and AHL. The club set franchise history in overall wins, points, road wins and goals against. Goaltender Cory Schneider was selected as the winner of the Aldege (Baz) Bastien Memorial Award given to the leagues top goalie. Schneider allowed just 79 goals in 40 AHL games this season, for a league-leading 2.04 goals-against average. He finished first in the league with a .928 save percentage and posted five shutouts.



The Marlies lead their best-of-seven series, 2-1, against the Manitoba Moose in the North Division Semifinal. Bates Battaglia scored the overtime winning goal in Game 1 of the series and has a team-high (tie) three points.

## **MARLIES QUICK HITS:**

- The Marlies lead their North Division Semifinal, best-of-seven series 2-1 against the Moose.
- Bates Battaglia has registered a point in all three games so far in the series (one goal, two assists), including the Game 1 overtime winner. Battaglia is tied for the team lead with three points and has a team-high, plus-three rating.
- The Marlies have been out-shot in both of their wins this series.
- Andre Deveaux ranks first on the club in assists with three.
- Darryl Boyce ranks first on the Marlies and third in the AHL with 16 penalty minutes.
- Justin Pogge has a record of 2-1 with a 1.95 goals-against average and 0.935 save percentage in the series. Pogge was named the game's first star on Sunday afternoon, making 30 saves for the win. He has a record of 12-3-1 over his past 17 starts at Ricoh Coliseum.
- The Marlies power play clicked for the first time on Sunday afternoon for the game's first goal. Toronto is 1-for-9 this postseason on the man-advantage.
- Toronto has defeated Manitoba in eight of their past nine games, dating back to the regular season.

## **Round 1 Playoff Schedule:**

The following are the confirmed games and dates, for the first-round series between the Marlies and Moose (all times eastern):

Game 1 (Leafs TV) – Wed., April 15: Toronto Marlies at Manitoba Moose 8:30 p.m. (MTS Centre)

Game 2 (Leafs TV) – Fri., April 17: Toronto Marlies at Manitoba Moose 8:30 p.m. (MTS Centre)

Game 3 (Rogers TV) – Sun., April 19: Manitoba Moose at Toronto Marlies 4:00 p.m. (Ricoh Coliseum)

Game 4 (Rogers TV) – Tue., April 21: Manitoba Moose at Toronto Marlies 7:00 p.m. (Ricoh Coliseum)

\*Game 5 (Rogers TV) – Thu., April 23: Manitoba Moose at Toronto Marlies 7:00 p.m. (Ricoh Coliseum)

\*Game 6 (Leafs TV) – Sat., April 25: Toronto Marlies at Manitoba Moose 8:30 p.m. (MTS Centre)

\*Game 7 (Leafs TV) – Tue., April 28: Toronto Marlies at Manitoba Moose 8:30 p.m. (MTS Centre)

\*if necessary

## **MARLIES ON THE WEB**

Follow the Marlies all season long for the latest, most up-to-date information on their official web site, [torontomarlies.com](http://torontomarlies.com)

## **MARLIES RECAP:**

Wednesday, April 15 at Manitoba

### **Battaglia's OT Winner Gives Marlies Game 1 Victory**

Marlies Goals: K. Rogers (1), Foster (1), Battaglia (1)

Moose Goals: Desbiens (1), Sawada (1)

Three Stars: 1. Battaglia (TOR), 2. Pogge (TOR), 3. Bolduc (TOR)

**Recap: Bates Battaglia** was the overtime hero as the Marlies took Game 1 of their opening series with a 3-2 victory. **Kyle Rogers** scored his first career AHL playoff goal to put the Marlies on the board six minutes

into the second period. After the Moose tied the game at 1-1, **Alex Foster** beat Cory Schneider to put Toronto back in front 2-1. Raymond Sawada beat **Justin Pogge** three minutes later to knot the game at two's. The Moose outshot the Marlies 14-5 in the third period, but **Pogge** stood tall, forcing overtime. A turnover at centre ice gave the Marlies a 2-on-1 and **Andre Deveaux** fed **Battaglia** a saucer pass that he fired in for the overtime winner. **Pogge** made 37 saves and was named the game's second star.

#### Friday, April 17 at Manitoba

#### **Moose Down Marlies 4-2; Even Series**

Marlies Goals:            Tlusty (1), Boyce (1)

Moose Goals:            Jaffray 2 (2), Grabner (1), Fortunus (1),

Three Stars: 1. Grabner (MTB), 2. Cullen (MTB), 3. Baumgartner (MTB)

**Recap:** Toronto couldn't overcome a three-goal deficit, dropping Game 2 of their North Division Semifinal, 4-2, on Friday night at the MTS Centre. The Moose scored two goals 15 seconds apart mid-way through the first period to give them a 2-0 lead at the first intermission. Maxime Fortunus scored on a 5-on-3 advantage to put Manitoba ahead 3-0. **Jiri Tlusty** netted his first goal of the postseason at the 10:22 mark of the second frame. **Darryl Boyce** beat Cory Schneider off a redirection to cut the lead to 3-2. Jason Jaffray scored his second of the night, an empty netter, to seal the Moose victory, 4-2.

#### Sunday, April 19 vs. Manitoba

#### **Marlies...**

Marlies Goal:            Hamilton (1), Stapleton (1)

Moose Goal:            Bolduc (1)

Three Stars: 1. Pogge (TOR), 2. Stapleton (TOR), 3. Grabner (MTB)

**Recap:** **Tim Stapleton's** first goal of the postseason held up to be the game-winning tally as the Marlies downed the Manitoba Moose to take the series lead on Sunday afternoon. **Ryan Hamilton** scored the team's first power play goal of the series six minutes into the game, giving the Marlies a 1-0 lead. Alexandre Bolduc slid a shot underneath the pads of **Justin Pogge** to tie the game at 1-1 late in the second period. **Stapleton** broke in on a two-on-one and beat Cory Schneider to give the Marlies a 2-1 advantage early in the third frame. **Pogge** stood tall the rest of the way making nine third period saves and was named the game's first star.

## TORONTO MARLIES 2008-09 REGULAR SEASON FINAL STATS

No.	PLAYER	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	PPA	SHG	SHA	GW	FG	IG	OT	UA	EN	SOG	SOA	SOGW	SO%	SH	SH%	
33	Bates Battaglia	LW	3	1	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	5	0.200
13	Andre Deveaux	C	3	0	3	3	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.000
23	Alex Foster	C	3	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	7	0.143
12	Ryan Hamilton	LW	3	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	5	0.200
41	Jiri Tlusty	LW	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.167
9	* Josh Engel	D	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.000
47	Darryl Boyce	C	3	1	0	1	-1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	7	0.143
29	Kyle Rogers	RW	3	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	1.000
17	Tim Stapleton	C	3	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	5	0.200
7	* Todd Perry	D	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	0.000
36	Anton Stralman	D	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	1	0.000
26	Jaime Sifers	D	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.000
15	*x Andrew Martens	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	3	0.000
44	Ryan Hollweg	LW	3	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	4	0.000
25	Ben Ondrus	RW	3	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	6	0.000
4	Phil Oreskovic	D	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	5	0.000
1	Justin Pogge	G	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0.000
10	Jay Rosehill	F	3	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	2	0.000
5	* Joe Ryan	D	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	4	0.000
19	Jeremy Williams	RW	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	9	0.000
	BENCH		3	0			0																	0	
	TOTALS		3	7	12	19	10	50	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	85	0.082

No.	GOALIE	GP	MINS	W	L	SOL	SO	EN	GA	GAA	SOGP	SOW	SOL	SOGA	SOA	SO%	SA	SVS	SV%
1	Justin Pogge	3	184	2	1	0	0	1	6	1.95	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	90	84	0.933
	TOTALS	3	184	2	1	0	0	1	6	1.95	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	90	84	0.933

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