



# DANBURY HAT TRICKS



## 2023-24 Schedule/Results

O: 19-17-4-1-3-5 | H: 9-6-2-1-3-4, R: 10-11-2-0-0-1

### OCTOBER (2-3-0-0-0-1 | H: 2-1-0-0-0-1, R: 0-2-0-0-0-0)

Friday	13	at Watertown	L, 6-5
Saturday	14	vs Watertown	W, 5-2
Friday	20	vs Binghamton	W/SO, 3-2
Saturday	21	at Binghamton	L, 3-1
Friday	27	vs Carolina	L, 4-2
Saturday	28	vs Carolina	W, 2-1

### NOVEMBER (3-4-0-1-0-0 | H: 0-1-0-1-0-0, R: 3-3-0-0-0-0)

Friday	3	at Watertown	L, 6-5
Saturday	4	vs Binghamton	L, 4-2
Saturday	11	at Elmira	W, 6-5
Friday	17	at Watertown	W, 2-1
Saturday	18	at Elmira	W, 8-1
Wed.	22	at Binghamton	L, 6-2
Friday	24	vs Binghamton	L/SO, 5-4
Saturday	25	at Binghamton	L, 5-2

### DECEMBER (2-3-1-0-2-2 | H: 2-0-1-0-1-1, R: 0-3-0-0-0-0)

Friday	1	vs Motor City	L/OT, 5-4
Saturday	2	vs Motor City	W, 5-3
Friday	9	vs Watertown	W/SO, 4-3
Friday	15	at Binghamton	L, 4-2
Saturday	16	at Elmira	L, 4-2
Friday	22	vs Port Huron	W, 4-0
Saturday	23	vs Port Huron	W/OT, 4-3
Friday	29	at Watertown	L, 7-2
Saturday	30	vs Binghamton	W/OT, 5-4
Sunday	31	at Binghamton	W/SO, 4-3

### JANUARY (4-2-0-0-0-1 | H: 1-1-0-0-0-1, R: 3-1-0-0-0-0)

Friday	5	at Elmira	W, 6-1
Saturday	6	at Watertown	W, 5-3
Friday	12	vs Binghamton	W/SO, 5-4
Saturday	13	vs Binghamton	L, 4-1
Friday	19	at Binghamton	W, 4-3
Saturday	20	at Binghamton	L, 6-2
Saturday	27	vs Watertown	W, 5-3

### FEBRUARY (4-4-2-0-0-0 | H: 2-2-0-0-0-0, R: 2-2-2-0-0-0)

Friday	2	at Carolina	L/OT, 3-2
Saturday	3	at Carolina	L, 4-3
Friday	9	at Elmira	L, 7-3
Saturday	10	vs Elmira	L, 6-3
Friday	16	at Watertown	L/OT, 3-2
Saturday	17	at Watertown	W, 7-2
Sunday	18	at Watertown	W, 5-1
Friday	23	vs Elmira	W, 3-2
Saturday	24	vs Elmira	W, 10-4
Sunday	25	vs Binghamton	L, 4-2

### MARCH (4-1-1-0-1-1 | H: 2-1-1-0-1-1, R: 2-0-0-0-0-0)

Friday	1	vs Port Huron	W/SO, 6-5
Saturday	2	vs Port Huron	W, 4-3
Sunday	3	vs Port Huron	L/OT, 3-2
Saturday	9	vs Binghamton	W/OT, 5-4
Sunday	10	vs Elmira	L, 4-2
Friday	15	vs Elmira	W, 8-1
Saturday	16	at Elmira	W, 3-2
Sunday	17	at Watertown	W, 6-2
Friday	22	at Wytheville	
Saturday	23	at Wytheville	
Friday	29	vs Watertown	

### APRIL (4 games — 2 home, 2 road)

Friday	5	at Binghamton	
Saturday	6	at Binghamton	
Sunday	7	vs Elmira	
Friday	12	vs Binghamton	

## Special Teams:

### Hat Tricks:

PP: 44/239 (18.4%), 8<sup>th</sup> FPHL (LY: 16.7%, 8<sup>th</sup>)

PK: 157/192 (81.8%), 5<sup>th</sup> FPHL (LY: 82.4%, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### Bobcats:

PP: 19/196 (9.7%), 11<sup>th</sup> (last) FPHL

PK: 167/204 (81.9%), T-4<sup>th</sup> FPHL

## Hat Tricks Leaders:

Goals: Ruiz (33)

Assists: Ruiz (30)

Points: Ruiz (63)

PIMs: Pamaylaon (96)

PPG: Ruiz (9) | SHG: Ruiz (4)

GWG: Ruiz (6) | Plus/Minus: Ruiz (+16)

## Hat Tricks (19(8)-17-5, 78) at Blue Ridge Bobcats (9(4)-29-6, 41)

Game 50 | Friday, March 22, 7:30 PM | Apex Center

### LAST TIME OUT:

The Hat Tricks potted five unanswered goals to pull away from Watertown in a 6-2 victory on Sunday. Danbury scored once in the first and second periods and four times in the third with rookie forward Bohdan Zinchenko notching two in the final frame. With the win, the Hat Tricks clinched the playoffs and swept the three-game weekend against Elmira and Watertown earning all nine points.

### ABOUT THE BOBCATS:

Friday marks the inaugural matchup between the Hat Tricks and Bobcats. Blue Ridge became the eleventh active member of the FPHL officially on July 27, 2023. The Bobcats are the first FPHL franchise located in Virginia, playing their games at the APEX Center in Wytheville, Virginia. The name "Bobcats" comes from the team's "tenacity, agility, and fearlessness". Originally, Blue Ridge started the season in the Empire Division, however, the Bobcats were moved to the Continental Division in November to address concerns with scheduling and travel. In eleven games against the Empire this season, the Bobcats have struggled going just 2(1)-7-1, only securing five of a possible 33 points.

Blue Ridge enters tonight's matchup in fifth place out of six teams in the Continental. With 41 points on the season, the Bobcats are 9(4)-28-6. They are 17 points behind Mississippi for the fourth and final playoff spot in the division. It has been a struggle all season for the Bobcats who opened the campaign with just two wins in their first eleven games (4/33 points). Blue Ridge has just two multi-win streaks this season and only one of more than two games (Jan. 28 - Feb. 4). Recently, the Bobcats have dropped four in a row and seven of the last eight games allowing three-plus goals in each defeat during that stretch. Blue Ridge last took the ice on Wednesday in a 6-2 defeat to second-place Carolina. Despite an evenly played first period, the Bobcats fell apart in the second and third periods allowing five unanswered goals. Kalib (Gus) Ford and Dawson Baker each totaled five points for the Thunderbirds.

Blue Ridge is led by forwards Daniel Martin and Vladislav Vlasov who top the team in goals (13), assists (17), and points (30). Mid-season acquisition and former Binghamton Black Bear Nikita Ivashkin has been on a tear since joining the Bobcats on Feb. 18. In eleven games, the forward has 13 points (7g, 6a). If you combine his numbers with Blue Ridge and Binghamton, he leads the Bobcats in goals (25), assists (20), and points (45).

### HAT TRICKS HEADLINES:

Friday marks the third straight road game for the Hat Tricks. Danbury is 19(8)-17-5 with 78 points. With only seven games left, the Hat Tricks are just seven points behind Motor City for second place and home ice in round one of the playoffs. Last weekend, the Hat Tricks, who won their

first Commissioner's Cup last season, clinched their third straight playoff berth after topping the Wolves on Sunday. No team in the history of the FHL/FPHL has ever won back-to-back championships, while the Danbury Whalers are the lone group to appear in the finals three consecutive seasons (won in 2013-14).

The Hat Tricks are fresh off of a three-game weekend sweep of the River Sharks and Wolves. Danbury is surging with wins in ten of the past 13 games, nabbing 26 of a possible 39 points. In each of those wins, Danbury has netted three-plus goals. The Hat Tricks have outscored their opponents 63-37 during the current stretch.

The Hat Tricks power play continues to climb the ranks after scoring twice on Sunday against Watertown. Danbury has power play goals in twelve of the last 14 games, tallying 23 during that span.

### JONNY RUIZ:

The Hat Tricks' captain recorded an assist Sunday in Watertown and buried two goals in Saturday's victory over Elmira. Ruiz has points in five straight games (3-5-8) and in 14 of the last 15 (15-11-26). The veteran leads the team in goals (33), assists (30), points (63), PPGs (9), SHGs (4), and GWGs (6).

### JOSH LABELLE:

The 6-foot-6-inch defenseman has three points (1g, 2a) over the past three games and 21 points (7g, 14a) in the last 14 games.

### JACOB RATCLIFFE:

Since returning from the IR (March 1), Ratcliffe has recorded eleven points (3g, 8a) in eight games. Despite missing ten games, the forward still ranks in the top three on the team in points (40).

### COREY CUNNINGHAM:

The rookie notched a hat trick in last Friday's victory against Elmira. The forward has points in four of the last five games (4-3-7). Cunningham is second on the team in goals (19) and his five power play strikes rank third.

### CONNOR WOOLLEY:

Woolley scooped up three points (1g, 2a) in Sunday's W at Watertown. The forward has recorded a point in three consecutive games tallying five during that span (1g, 4a).

### BILLY BERRY:

The college rookie has made a name for himself in his short stint with the Hat Tricks. With a goal Sunday in Watertown, Berry has a point in four consecutive games (2g, 2a).

### BOHDAN ZINCHENKO:

The rookie winger found the back of the net twice in Watertown on Sunday. The goals marked the first points for the forward since March 1 against Port Huron. Zinchenko's three shorthanded goals rank second on the team.

### CHASE HARWELL:

The Southbury, Connecticut native contributed a goal and an assist in Sunday's win versus Watertown. The forward has recorded a point in eight of the last nine games (6-4-10).



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