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Mallards Fall in Shootout in St. Charles

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (October 27, 2013) – Chad Costello converted the winning penalty shot after picking up two assists in regulation as the host St. Charles Chill edged the Quad City Mallards 6-5 in a shootout Sunday. The Mallards did earn one point for the shootout setback.

Along with Costello, Kyle Kraemer and Steve Makway also scored in the shootout for the Chill while only Mike Hellyer- who had a goal and two assists in regulation- provided a successful penalty shot for the Mallards.

The Mallards only pushed the game to a shootout after battling from behind much of the afternoon and finally evening the score at five when Mike Stinziani- who also had an assist- scored his second goal of the contest from close range with just 55 seconds left in regulation.

Stinziani's was the Mallards' second third period equalizer. After the Mallards rallied from a 4-2 deficit to tie the score with goals just a minute and 47 seconds apart from Hellyer- a rising backhander at 2:46- and Vladimir Nikiforov- a fine solo effort at 4:33- the Chill regained the lead when David Strathman's sharp angle bid trickled just over the goal line just past the midway point of the third.

The Chill had first moved in front when Justin Levac's wraparound broke a 1-1 deadlock at 3:24 of the second period. Kyle Kraemer cut into the slot to extend the gap to two goals at 11:35. The Mallards briefly narrowed the margin to 3-2 when Jim McKenzie scored from the doorstep at the 16:06 mark, but O'Kane pounced on a rebound to score his second of the game and reestablish the Chill's two goal advantage at 18:01.

Stinziani had given the Mallards what proved to be their only lead of the tilt by one-timing Mike Hellyer's centering pass home to open the scoring at 16:58 of the first period. The Chill waited just a minute and 52 seconds before tying the game on the power play. O'Kane delivered the first St. Charles goal from point blank range.

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The Mallards return to action on home ice Friday night at 7:05 p.m. against the Chill. Next Friday is the Mallards' first \$1 Dog/\$1 Beer Night of the season presented by 97X and MetroLINK. Fans will be able to purchase \$1 beer and \$1 hot dogs at all Friday night home games this season.

Tickets for Friday's game and all other Mallards regular season home games are now on sale at Ticketmaster outlets, through ticketmaster.com, through Ticketmaster charge-by-phone toll free at [1-800-745-3000](tel:1-800-745-3000) or at the iWireless Center ticket office. The ticket office is open weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on game days from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the second period.

Mallards Claim Wild 7-5 Victory Over St. Charles

MOLINE, Ill. (October 26, 2013) – Mike Hellyer scored two goals- including the third period winner- and added an assist and Matt Boyd piled up a goal and three assists as the host Quad City Mallards recovered after squandering a 5-0 lead to defeat the St. Charles Chill 7-5 Saturday night.

Hellyer broke a 5-5 tie by burying Mike Monfredo's centering pass at 13:27 of the third. Gergo Nagy's empty net goal clinched victory for the Mallards in the final minute.

The Mallards found themselves in need of third period heroics after the Chill rallied from five goals down to tie the game. Chad Costello- who also picked up an assist- kick-started the comeback by scoring twice late in the first period. Costello got St. Charles on the scoreboard for the first time by driving the puck home from a bad angle at 16:10 of the first; at 18:46 the Chill was shorthanded when his backhander sailed in under the crossbar.

The Chill charge continued in the second period. David Strathman scored from the side of the net to cut the gap to 5-3 at 4:12. Nielsson Arcibal brought St. Charles back within one and brought about the replacement of Mallard starting goaltender Thomas Heemskirk by Ty Rimmer- who would go on to make a dozen saves while securing a relief win- by banking the puck in off a Mallard skate just 65 seconds later. Anthony Perdicaro's power play goal from the slot completed the Chill's long road back at 13:58 of the second.

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The St. Charles roll came in response to a first period Mallard explosion that saw Quad City score five times in 11 minutes and 36 seconds. The onslaught started just 53 seconds into the game when Hellyer pumped in Mike Stinziani's centering feed. At 2:16 Boyd doubled the lead from the slot. Matt Duffy's blast stretched the gap to 3-0 exactly five minutes into the opening period and chased Chill starting netminder Mathieu Corbeil from the game. A pair of power play goals separated by just 54 seconds greeted replacement goalie Robert Moss. Stinziani converted Hellyer's cross crease pass at 11:35. Mere moments later Gabriel Levesque scored the Mallards' fifth from the high slot and seemingly put the game beyond the Chill's reach, but it was only after a roller coaster ride through the rest of the evening that the Mallards grabbed the win.

The Mallards and Chill meet again tomorrow at 4:05 p.m. in St. Charles. The Mallards return to action on home ice next Friday night at 7:05 p.m. again against the Chill. Next Friday is the Mallards' first \$1 Dog/\$1 Beer Night of the season presented by 97X and MetroLINK.

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About the Quad City Mallards

A proud affiliate of the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild and the American Hockey League's Iowa Wild, the Quad City Mallards are in the midst of their seventeenth season and their fourth in the Central Hockey League. One of the winningest teams in all of minor league hockey, the Mallards competed in the United Hockey League from 1995 through 2007 and in the International Hockey League in 2009-10. The Mallards' proud history has seen them capture the UHL's Colonial Cup Championship three times (1997, 1998, 2001) and secure that league's Tarry Cup four times (1998, 2000, 2001, 2002) for the best overall regular season record. In 2001, the Mallards made professional hockey history, recording their sixth consecutive season with 50 or more wins, a feat that has yet to be matched. The i wireless Center provides a unique environment for hockey and features one-of-a-kind seating areas such as the Nest for groups and functions and the exclusive Drake Club. For more information on the Quad City Mallards or for Mallards tickets go to www.myqcmallards.com. Fans can also follow the Mallards via Twitter at

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