

Chicago Steel Postgame Notes and Quotes – December 29 vs. Youngstown Phantoms Game 26, Home Game 13

Final Score	1	2	3	OT	F
Youngstown	1	0	0	-	1
Steel	3	4	0	-	7

(Fox Valley Ice Arena – Geneva, IL)

Chicago Steel Postgame Central

Records:

Youngstown: 11-12-4-0 (Road: 6-8-1-0); 26 pts.

Steel: 21-4-1-0 (Home: 9-3-1-0); 43 pts.

Game Sheet

Quick Stats:	Shots	PP	PK	PIM
Youngstown	20	0-5	1-2	4
Steel	33	1-2	5-5	10

Notes:

- The Steel defeated the Youngstown Phantoms 7-1 on Sunday afternoon at Fox Valley Ice Arena
 to win their seventh straight contest ... Chicago went 5-for-5 (100%) on the penalty kill and 1for-2 (50%) with the man advantage ... With the win, the Steel went 6-0-0-0 in the month of
 December ... Chicago now owns a seven-game win streak, tied for its longest of the season.
- Chicago, the USHL's highest-scoring team to date, scored a total of 16 games in the two weekend games vs. Youngstown.
- Gunnarwolfe Fontaine pushed his season total to 27 points (15G, 12A) with a two tallies.
- Sam Colangelo netted a goal and picked up two helpers, charting his seventh multi-point outing of the season. The forward now has 30 points (15G, 15A) this year.
- **John Jaworski** scored his first USHL goal in the win. He now has seven points (1G, 6A) on the
- **Erik Middendorf** reached the scoresheet for the second straight night, recording his fifth marker of the year.
- **Uula Ruikka** matched his season total from a year ago with his fourth marker of the campaign. The blueliner now has 19 points (4G, 15A) this season.
- Matty De St. Phalle added two assists in the win to push his season total to 34 points (16G, 18A).
- Jimmy Dowd Jr., Ryan Ufko, Sean Farrell, Owen Power, Elis Hede, Mackie Samoskevich and Tyler Carpenter picked up one helper apiece.

• Victor Ostman turned away 27 shots in the win. The netminder is now 14-3-0-0 on the year.

Quotes

Chicago Forward Gunnarwolfe Fontaine

On the Team's Defensive Performance: "We were focusing on that a lot because we don't want let up five goals. In playoffs, you're not going to be able to let five goals and win a game usually. We tried to tighten that up and just get ready for next weekend."

On Playing at the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 3: "Super excited. Never been able to have an outdoor game before so it'll be a lot of emotions going through and should be a lot of fun."

Chicago Forward John Jaworski

On the Team's Preparation: "Every day is the same, we come in, we prepare. We always just focus on individually getting better, then as a team we work, then success comes with that."

On Playing Outdoors: "I'm super excited, I've never been a part of an organized, outdoor game like that so it should be a lot of fun."

Chicago Head Coach Brock Sheahan

On the Team's Effort: "Especially the first 40 minutes, I felt like all areas of the game were about as good as we've played all year. Like I said, defensive zone, we spent very little time there because we were ready to defend early in shifts. In the neutral zone, we were really good. Made great puck decisions, we read where the pressure was coming from, great support. I thought our O-zone play, which is something we've worked on a lot, it's continuing to get better. Then special teams were good again."

Chicago Steel Upcoming Games

Thurs., Jan. 2 at Green Bay Gamblers (Dallas, TX) 7:30 pm

Fri., Jan. 3 vs. Green Bay Gamblers (Dallas, TX) 5:00 pm

Fri., Jan. 10 vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints 7:05 pm (Superheroes Night, Raising Cane's Kids Day)