Game: Regular Season Game 1 (26119)

Date: 6 May 2007 Time: 7:30 PM Rink: Center

Opponent: Pacific Predators 2

Phase Matrix opened the season with a 6-0 victory over the Pacific Predators 2. This game was much tighter than the score reflects. Phase Matrix went up 1-0 on a goal by Jim Olson at the 19:27 mark of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> period PM erupted for five goals in an eleven minute stretch. Two of those goals were power play goals, and the backbreaker was a perfectly timed and placed slap shot from just outside the blue line by Assistant Captain Gil Harrison. PM's defense limited the Pacific Predators 2 to only ten shots on goal, and Steve Willhide earned the shutout in his first game in net for PM.

PM was unusually shorthanded for this game and rolled with only 4 defenseman and double shifted Vlad Adam and Mark Harry on the Right Wing position. Both Vlad and Mark made good use of their "extra" ice time with Vlad netting two goals and Mark putting one in on a play where he drove to the net and got the tip-in/redirection with a defender covering him pretty well.

As in pre-season PM did a good job in the penalty battle department taking only three and drawing five.

Next Up: Renegades 10:15 PM Sunday May 13 (Mother's Day) South Rink