

Ottawa Charge Smashes PWHL Goal Record As They Head Into Second Half of Season

The Ottawa Charge's 8-3 victory over the Minnesota Frost at TD Place set a PWHL record for most goals in a game. The high-scoring match drew attention to the league's competitive nature and increasing visibility.

"This was a statement game for us," said Charge forward Mannon McMahon. "I know we wanted to show not just our fans, but the entire league, what we're capable of. And I think we did just that."

The Charge's offensive explosion saw multiple players contributing to the scoreboard, thrilling a packed arena in the nation's capital. The team's cohesion and relentless pressure overwhelmed the Frost, who struggled to keep up with Ottawa's pace.

Tereza Vanisova led Ottawa's offense with a hat trick, while Gabbie Hughes netted two goals. Mannon McMahon, Victoria Bach, and captain Brianne Jenner each added one goal.

In net, Emerence Maschmeyer made 23 saves for Ottawa.

"This is the kind of game that keeps people talking," said Carleton University's women's hockey coach Stacey Colarossi. "It's fast-paced, it's exciting, and it proves that the PWHL is more than just a new league—it's a league that belongs on the biggest stage."

The victory brought Ottawa's record to 6-0-2-8, lifting the Charge out of the PWHL basement into a tie with the Boston Fleet and New York Sirens for fourth place—the final playoff spot.

Beyond the record-breaking performance, the game underscored the growing momentum behind professional women's hockey. The PWHL's increasing attendance and media coverage signal a shift in how the sport is perceived.

The PWHL's growth is evident in rising attendance and media coverage. "Games like this highlight how entertaining women's hockey can be. The speed, skill, and strategy are on full display," said Colarossi. "It's not just about proving something—it's about claiming a well-earned place in the sports world."

Ottawa's dominant performance also carried emotional weight for the players. "I think there is a major increase of eyes on women's hockey, as there should be," said McMahon. "It has always

been just as interesting and entertaining as men's hockey, but I guess people are just now realizing that."

As Ottawa's players celebrated their achievement, MacMahon recognizes the hope that games with these outcomes and attention may bring to young female players. "This isn't just about hockey," said McMahon. "It's about showing what's possible when women's sports get the support they deserve. It's about letting the next generation of girls understand that they have a place in male-dominated industries as a whole."

With momentum on their side, the Charge will be back at TD Place on February 20 to face the Fleet, looking to build on their historic win.

