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Firebirds acquire St. Louis Blues' NHL prospect Tucker and Piercey in trade with Barrie

Flint, Mich. – The Flint Firebirds announced today that the club has completed a trade with the Barrie Colts.

In the trade, the Firebirds receive defenseman and St. Louis Blues' NHL draft pick Tyler Tucker and forward Riley Piercey from Barrie. In exchange, the Firebirds trade forward Evan Vierling and Flint's second-round pick in both the 2023 and 2024 OHL Priority Selections to the Colts.

"We are thrilled to be adding both Tyler and Riley to our lineup," said Flint Firebirds Vice President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Barclay Branch. "Tyler brings an elite veteran presence to our blue line while Riley adds skill and depth to our forwards."

Tucker, a native of Longlac, Ont., was a first-round (14th overall) selection by Barrie in the 2016 OHL Draft. Last season, the 6-foot-2, 205-pound defenseman racked up an impressive 59 points (14G, 45A) including 105 penalty minutes in 68 regular season games with Barrie after being selected by the St. Louis Blues in the 2018 NHL Draft. The 19-year-old is averaging more than a point-per-game average in his fourth season in the OHL and has the ability to play a fifth season next year. Additionally, Tucker has already played in two professional hockey games with the St. Louis Blues' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, San Antonio Rampage.

"When I first found out I was going to Flint and especially with [Riley] Piercey, I was pretty excited," said Tucker. "I've heard plenty of great things about Flint. There's a good core group of guys in the dressing room already and I'm happy to be part of it now. I'm excited for playoff hockey."

Piercey comes to Flint in the middle of his NHL Draft year. The 6-foot-3, 200-pound left-handed-shot forward was also a first-round selection (16th overall) by Barrie in the 2018 OHL Draft. While in the midst of his second season in the OHL, Piercey has recorded 27 points (12G, 15A) including 59 penalty minutes in 95 OHL games. Piercey is a native of Mississauga, Ont. and amassed 56 points (26G, 30A) in 59 games with the Toronto Marlboros AAA Hockey Club in the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL).

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“I’ve heard nothing but great things about Flint, I’ve heard it’s a top-class organization that treats their players right there,” said Piercey. “The OHL is a premiere league, playing with and against a lot of top guys. I’m definitely excited to be heading to Flint.”

Tucker and Piercey are expected to join the Firebirds Tuesday in time for Wednesday’s game in Saginaw. Tucker will wear number two and Piercey will wear number 19 for Flint.

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