

## NCL Spring 2020 Team Game Scouting Report

Dear William Seeley (Team "Pwning Exploits Taking Names - [SNHU]"),

Congratulations on a great NCL 2020 Spring Team Game!

### National Cyber League (NCL)

The NCL was founded in May 2011 to provide an ongoing virtual training ground for collegiate students to develop, practice, and validate their cybersecurity skills. The NCL is a next-generation learning and gaming environment using high-fidelity and scenario-based challenges from Cyber Skyline. The challenges are designed around industry recognized and performance-based exam objectives to further develop student skills. Learn more about the NCL at [www.nationalcyberleague.org](http://www.nationalcyberleague.org). If you have any questions regarding the information in this report please inquire at [info@nationalcyberleague.org](mailto:info@nationalcyberleague.org).

### NCL 2020 Spring Season

The NCL 2020 Spring Season was designed to develop and validate player knowledge and skills in preparation for further learning, career readiness, industry certifications, and other cybersecurity competitions. Hosted challenges in the NCL Gymnasium were made available to all players and coaches and aligned to the games. The games were designed around performance-based exam objectives of the CompTIA Security+™ certification and the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The NCL 2020 Spring Season began with the Preseason round to group players into one of three competition brackets based on skill level: Gold (top 15% of all players nationally - 665 players), Silver (the next 35% of all players nationally - 1540 players) or Bronze (the next 50% of all players nationally - 2193 players). Players who did not participate in the Preseason were not bracketed or ranked. This made the Individual Game more engaging by grouping players with similar knowledge and skill levels.

At the beginning of the NCL 2020 Spring Season, 5900 students/players and 415 faculty/coaches from more than 460 two- and four-year schools across all 50 U.S. states registered to play.

The Individual Game Capture the Flag (CTF) event took place from April 3 through April 5. The Team Game CTF event took place from April 17 through April 19. The games were conducted in real-time for students across the country.

The NCL 2020 Spring Season was powered by Cyber Skyline's cloud-based skills evaluation platform. Cyber Skyline hosted the scenario-driven cybersecurity challenges for all players to compete and track their progress in real-time.

To validate this report, please access: [cyberskyline.com/report/P99V12R6LFYU](http://cyberskyline.com/report/P99V12R6LFYU)



Thank you for your participation in the NCL 2020 Spring Team Game! We hope you will continue to develop your knowledge and skills and make meaningful contributions as part of the Information Security workforce!

Dr. Dan Manson  
NCL Commissioner



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## NCL Scouting Report

What follows is a customized NCL Scouting Report of your performance in the NCL 2020 Spring Team Game. We hope you find it to be valuable in both confirming your skills and identifying areas for improvement. In addition, the NCL Scouting Report can be used as part of any job application, as it provides an external validation of skills as demonstrated in competitive gameplay based on industry-recognized certification exam and framework objectives.

The following definitions apply to your performance across a range of cybersecurity scenarios

- **National Rank:** overall place with respect to all players, across all Brackets
- **Bracket Rank:** overall place within the Bracket
- **Performance Score:** total points earned; the higher the score, the higher the ranking
- **Accuracy:** percentage of flag submissions that were correct (total flag captures divided by total flag attempts).
- **Completion:** percentage of possible flags submitted (total flag captures divided by total possible flags).

The following are the categories of cybersecurity scenarios that you were evaluated against:

### 1. Cryptography

Identify techniques used to encrypt or obfuscate messages and leverage tools to extract the plaintext.

### 2. Enumeration and Exploitation

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in code and compiled binaries.

### 3. Log Analysis

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to establish a baseline for normal operation and identify malicious activities using log files from various services.

### 4. Network Traffic Analysis

Identify malicious and benign network traffic to demonstrate an understanding of potential security breaches.

### 5. Open Source Intelligence

Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

### 6. Password Cracking

Identify types of password hashes and apply various techniques to efficiently determine plaintext passwords.

### 7. Scanning

Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.

### 8. Web Application Exploitation

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

### 9. Wireless Access Exploitation

Identify the security posture of wireless networks from network captures.

Based on the performance of the top ranking member in the Individual Game, William Seeley's team "Pwning Exploits Taking Names - [SNHU]" was placed into the Gold Bracket for the Team Game.



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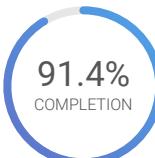
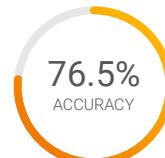
## NCL Spring 2020 Team Game

The NCL Team Game is designed for student players nationwide to compete in realtime in the categories listed below. The Team Game promotes camaraderie and evaluates the collective technical cybersecurity skills of the team members.

**25<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**24<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**2520** POINTS OUT OF 3000  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**98<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**80<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 1044.3  
Gold Bracket: 2086.5

National: 58.0%  
Gold Bracket: 74.7%

National: 45.3%  
Gold Bracket: 80.1%

Cryptography

**385** POINTS OUT OF 385

**75.0%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Enumeration and Exploitation

**310** POINTS OUT OF 310

**90.0%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Log Analysis

**380** POINTS OUT OF 405

**75.0%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 96.0%

Network Traffic Analysis

**365** POINTS OUT OF 400

**67.9%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 90.5%

Open Source Intelligence

**295** POINTS OUT OF 295

**70.4%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Password Cracking

**245** POINTS OUT OF 335

**100.0%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 87.5%

Scanning

**210** POINTS OUT OF 240

**62.5%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 90.9%

Web Application Exploitation

**25** POINTS OUT OF 325

**100.0%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 33.3%

Wireless Access Exploitation

**205** POINTS OUT OF 205

**86.7%** ACCURACY

COMPLETION: 100.0%

Note: Survey module (100 points) was excluded from this report.

## Cryptography Module

Identify techniques used to encrypt or obfuscate messages and leverage tools to extract the plaintext.

**25** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**23** RD PLACE  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**385** POINTS OUT OF  
385  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**98<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**81<sup>st</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 163.2  
Gold Bracket: 291.1



National: 79.4%  
Gold Bracket: 84.3%

National: 46.7%  
Gold Bracket: 79.9%

Decoding 1 (Easy)

**25** POINTS OUT OF  
25

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Decoding 2 (Easy)

**20** POINTS OUT OF  
20

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Decoding 3 (Medium)

**30** POINTS OUT OF  
30

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Decoding 4 (Medium)

**45** POINTS OUT OF  
45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Decoding 5 (Hard)

**75** POINTS OUT OF  
75

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Signing (Medium)

**100** POINTS OUT OF  
100

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Stego (Medium)

**30** POINTS OUT OF  
30

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Database Dump (Hard)

**60** POINTS OUT OF  
60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**



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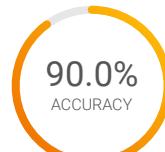
## Enumeration and Exploitation Module

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in code and compiled binaries.

**30<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**29<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**310** POINTS  
OUT OF  
310  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



National: 49.5%  
Gold Bracket: 80.0%



National: 34.8%  
Gold Bracket: 74.5%

**97<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**76<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 74.4  
Gold Bracket: 209.1

Swish (Easy)

**70** POINTS  
OUT OF  
70

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Redis (Medium)

**110** POINTS  
OUT OF  
110

**66.7%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Backdoor (Hard)

**130** POINTS  
OUT OF  
130

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

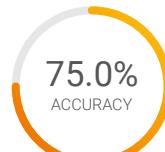
## Log Analysis Module

Utilize the proper tools and techniques to establish a baseline for normal operation and identify malicious activities using log files from various services.

**41<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**33<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**380** POINTS  
OUT OF  
405  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



National: 53.8%  
Gold Bracket: 68.8%



National: 47.3%  
Gold Bracket: 84.8%

**96<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**73<sup>rd</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 178.5  
Gold Bracket: 332.7

Login (Easy)

**105** POINTS  
OUT OF  
105

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

AWS CloudFront (Medium)

**140** POINTS  
OUT OF  
140

**68.8%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Calls (Hard)

**135** POINTS  
OUT OF  
160

**70.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **87.5%**

## Network Traffic Analysis Module

Identify malicious and benign network traffic to demonstrate an understanding of potential security breaches.

**65<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**53<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**365** POINTS OUT OF 400  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**93<sup>rd</sup>**  
National Percentile

**56<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 172.6  
Gold Bracket: 319.2

National: 54.0%  
Gold Bracket: 64.8%



National: 57.5%  
Gold Bracket: 86.7%

Weather (Easy)

**85** POINTS OUT OF 85

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

BGP (Medium)

**50** POINTS OUT OF 85

**27.3%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **60.0%**

Packet Dissection (Medium)

**110** POINTS OUT OF 110

**83.3%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Ping (Hard)

**120** POINTS OUT OF 120

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

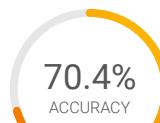
## Open Source Intelligence Module

Utilize publicly available information such as search engines, public repositories, social media, and more to gain in-depth knowledge on a topic or target.

**40<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**33<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**295** POINTS OUT OF 295  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**96<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**73<sup>rd</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 160.6  
Gold Bracket: 245.4

National: 57.7%  
Gold Bracket: 71.6%



Rules of Conduct (Easy)

**25** POINTS OUT OF 25

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Github (Easy)

**65** POINTS OUT OF 65

**66.7%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Targets (Medium)

**60** POINTS OUT OF 60

**75.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Standard Numbers (Medium)

**70** POINTS OUT OF 70

**60.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Codes (Hard)

**75** POINTS OUT OF 75

**50.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**



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## Password Cracking Module

Identify types of password hashes and apply various techniques to efficiently determine plaintext passwords.

**103<sup>RD</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**64<sup>TH</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**245** POINTS OUT OF  
335  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**89<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**46<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 158.7  
Gold Bracket: 248.0

National: 90.3%  
Gold Bracket: 96.1%

National: 57.8%  
Gold Bracket: 87.0%

Cracking 1 (Easy)

**45** POINTS OUT OF  
45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Cracking 2 (Easy)

**45** POINTS OUT OF  
45

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Cracking 3 (Medium)

**60** POINTS OUT OF  
60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Cracking 4 (Hard)

**35** POINTS OUT OF  
125

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **60.0%**

PDF (Medium)

**60** POINTS OUT OF  
60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

## Scanning Module

Identify and use the proper tools to gain intelligence about a target including its services and potential vulnerabilities.

**47<sup>TH</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**43<sup>RD</sup>** PLACE  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**210** POINTS OUT OF  
240  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**95<sup>th</sup>**  
National Percentile

**64<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 68.9  
Gold Bracket: 159.8

National: 57.4%  
Gold Bracket: 86.9%

National: 34.7%  
Gold Bracket: 71.5%

Vroom (Easy)

**60** POINTS OUT OF  
60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Hidden Treasure (Medium)

**90** POINTS OUT OF  
90

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **100.0%**

Email Provider (Hard)

**60** POINTS OUT OF  
90

**25.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION: **66.7%**



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## Web Application Exploitation Module

Identify actionable exploits and vulnerabilities and use them to bypass the security measures in online services.

**78** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**53** RD PLACE  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**25** POINTS  
OUT OF  
325  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**92<sup>nd</sup>**  
National Percentile

**56<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 19.1  
Gold Bracket: 52.0

National: 40.0%  
Gold Bracket: 81.4%

National: 17.7%  
Gold Bracket: 40.5%

IOT (Easy)

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF  
100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
25.0%

VulnLabs v3 (Medium)

**10** POINTS  
OUT OF  
100

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
33.3%

Enhanced Lottery (Hard)

**5** POINTS  
OUT OF  
125

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
50.0%

## Wireless Access Exploitation Module

Identify the security posture of wireless networks from network captures.

**72** ND PLACE  
OUT OF 925  
NATIONAL RANK

**55** TH PLACE  
OUT OF 118  
GOLD BRACKET RANK

**205** POINTS  
OUT OF  
205  
PERFORMANCE SCORE



**93<sup>rd</sup>**  
National Percentile

**54<sup>th</sup>**  
Gold Bracket Percentile

Averages  
National: 114.0  
Gold Bracket: 176.5

National: 75.4%  
Gold Bracket: 92.5%

National: 73.2%  
Gold Bracket: 92.6%

Cracking 1 (Easy)

**70** POINTS  
OUT OF  
70

**71.4%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
100.0%

Cracking 2 (Medium)

**60** POINTS  
OUT OF  
60

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
100.0%

Cracking 3 (Hard)

**75** POINTS  
OUT OF  
75

**100.0%**  
ACCURACY

COMPLETION:   
100.0%