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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Owatonna	17	11-5-1	23	.676	56	54
Bismarck	21	9-7-5	23	.548	55	53
North Iowa	18	10-6-2	22	.611	57	64
Alexandria	16	6-7-3	15	.469	39	48
Albert Lea	22	4-16-2	10	.227	42	91

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	19	14-4-1	29	.763	79	58
Marquette	20	13-7-0	26	.650	57	51
Janesville	21	10-10-1	21	.500	68	65
Motor City	19	8-7-4	20	.526	56	55
Alpena	21	6-15-0	12	.286	53	70

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Topeka	20	14-3-3	31	.775	80	49
St. Louis	18	13-4-1	27	.750	60	45
Springfield	22	10-8-4	24	.545	73	62
Texas	20	8-10-2	18	.450	52	67
Wichita Falls	18	5-11-2	12	.333	59	77

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wenatchee	25	21-4-0	42	.840	87	56
Alaska	22	15-3-4	34	.773	82	53
Fairbanks	23	11-11-1	23	.500	84	76
Kenai River	22	5-16-1	11	.250	48	85

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	22	13	19	32
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	23	8	23	31
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	22	9	21	30
Rickord, Jared	SPR	F	22	10	17	27
Nagtzaam, Nardo	ALK	F	20	12	13	25
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	22	14	9	23
Smith, Zach	ALK	F	19	13	10	23
Jubinville, Jeff	WNE	F	25	10	13	23

(three players tied with 22)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Kamal, Chris	ALX	9	514:42	4-2-2	1.87	.934
Jaeger, Brandon	WNE	11	585:47	9-0-0	1.95	.929
Robertson, Kale	ALK	11	632:08	8-2-1	1.99	.928
Faragher, Ryan	BIS	14	697:27	5-3-4	2.06	.919
Peterson, Landon	ALK	9	522:58	5-0-3	2.07	.930

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Huff, Andy	TNS	F	19	15
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	22	14

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	23	23
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	22	21

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Heinz, Curtis	TNS	D	17	+18
Monfredo, Mike	MCM	D	19	+17

Jr. Blues Hitting High Note

Springfield picks up points in its last five games

For a team battling inconsistency through the early part of the season, the Springfield Jr. Blues are slowly but surely starting to find their groove.

The surging Jr. Blues have picked up points in their last five contests (eight), including three last weekend against the St. Louis Bandits.

"Anytime you play a team as good as St. Louis and can get three of four points, you have to be happy with that," said Jr. Blues head coach **Andy Maher**, whose team improved to 10-8-4 on the season. "Our division (South) is so tough week-in and week-out that there's no time to let points slip away."



Ross Anderson

The Jr. Blues opened the weekend with a 4-2 victory on Friday. **Kevin O'Donnell** rang up two goals in the win, and **Ross Anderson** connected for the game-winning marker and an assist. Between the pipes, goaltender **C.J. Groh** turned back 22 shots.

Anderson struck again the next night in regulation as Springfield dropped a 2-1 decision to the Bandits in a shootout. Groh made 27 saves in regulation and overtime and two of five in the shootout.

"I feel like every weekend we're getting better," said Maher. "It may only be in one area or another, but as long as we continue to improve, that's all we can expect as a staff."

The weekend also generated a lot of buzz around town, as the team welcomed over 1,000 a night in attendance, including over 1,500 on Saturday.

"One thing we can always count on here in Springfield is crazy fan support," said Maher. "The guys like playing here and it's pretty fun when the Nelson Center gets rocking."

Nick Curry, a second-year forward with the Jr. Blues, agrees that playing in Illinois' capital city makes for the ideal junior hockey experience.

"It's a blast, from the team to the city itself," said the 20-year-old from Bettendorf, Iowa. "We have great fans and a lot of support from the community. Playing in Springfield has just been a great experience."

And it should only get better this season once the Jr. Blues get well. The team has been without the services of a few key players recently because of injuries, including **Trent Frey**, **Randy Cure**, **Kyle Forte** and **Ethan Scherer**, all of whom are expected back in the lineup in the coming weeks.

"We're looking forward to getting a healthy team back sometime in the near future," said Maher.

Others players have stepped to the forefront in the meantime. Hailing from River Falls, Wis. - the same town Frey, an NAHL All-Rookie Team selection a year ago and a Mercyhurst College (Atlantic Hockey) recruit, calls home - Anderson has been a welcome addition. With five points in his last three games, he now has four goals for 10 points on the season.

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sherwood central player of the week

Bismarck forward **Sean McKenzie** struck for two goals and five assists in two Bobcat victories. After sitting out Friday's game (a 4-3 shootout loss to Owatonna), the Howell, Mich., native put home two goals, including the game-winner, and two assists the next night in a 4-1 triumph over the Express. On Sunday, the 19-year-old recorded three more assists as the Bobcats blanked the Albert Lea Thunder, 4-0. McKenzie, who started the season with Wichita Falls, was also a plus-3 on the weekend.



sherwood north player of the week

Marquette forward **Collin Saint-Onge** rang up two goals and four assists as the Rangers celebrated a two-game sweep over North Iowa. On Friday, the Marquette native recorded an assist in a 4-3 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old potted a pair of goals, including the game-winner, and three more assists as the Rangers downed the Outlaws, 6-2. He was also a plus-1 on the weekend.



sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Bryce Johnson** potted two goals and two assists as the RoadRunners picked up three points against Wichita Falls. On Friday, the Grimes, Iowa, native tallied a goal and two assists in a 7-6 overtime loss. The next night, the 19-year-old scored another goal as the RoadRunners downed the Wildcats, 4-3.



sherwood west player of the week

Alaska forward **Nardo Nagtzaam** connected for a goal and four assists as the Avalanche skated to a two-game sweep over Kenai River. On Friday, Nagtzaam, from the Netherlands, recorded an assist in a 3-0 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old tallied a goal and three more assists as the Avalanche bested the Brown Bears, 5-2. He was also a plus-5 on the weekend.



goaltender of the week

Alexandria goaltender **Chris Kamal** backstopped the Blizzard to a pair of victories over Albert Lea, turning aside 55 of 58 shots. On Friday, the Alpharetta, Ga., native made 24 saves in regulation and overtime and all five in the shootout in a 2-1 victory. The next night, the 20-year-old stopped 31 shots as the Blizzard bested the Thunder, 5-2.



the week ahead *all times local*

Tuesday, November 17

Wenatchee @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Wednesday, November 18

Wenatchee @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Friday, November 20

Wenatchee @ Alaska, 8:00 pm
Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm
Traverse City @ Alpena, 7:50 pm
Motor City @ Janesville, 7:00 pm
North Iowa @ St. Louis, 7:05 pm
Springfield @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm
Wichita Falls @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 21

Wenatchee @ Alaska, 7:00 pm
Owatonna @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm
Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm
Motor City @ Janesville, 7:00 pm
Wichita Falls @ Texas, 7:00 pm
North Iowa @ St. Louis, 7:05 pm
Springfield @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 22

Bismarck @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: Goaltender **Landon Peterson** (Oregon, Wis.) made all 27 saves in the Avs' 3-0 victory over Kenai River on Friday to pick up his second shutout of the season.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: Forward **Niko Kapetanovic** (North Prairie, Wis.) tallied both Thunder goals in its 5-2 loss to Alexandria on Saturday.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: Alexandria's leading scorer **Kyle Clay** (Henderson, Nev.) connected for a goal and two assists in the Blizzard's two-game sweep over Albert Lea.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: Forward **Ryan Timar** (Novi, Mich.), an Air Force recruit, tallied three goals in a two-game split with Motor City, including the game-winner in the IceDiggers' 3-2 triumph on Saturday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Goaltender **Ryan Massa** (Littleton, Colo.) backstopped the Bobcats to a pair of wins over Albert Lea, including a 33-save shutout on Sunday (4-0). "It was really nice to see Ryan come back strong after not playing in close to a month," said head coach **Byron Pool**.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Forward **James Saintey** (Rosemount, Minn.) potted two goals and two assists as the Ice Dogs split a two-game series with Texas.

JANESVILLE JETS: Forward **Derek Jacobson** (Sioux City, Iowa) rang up a goal and an assist as the Jets went 0-1-1 against Traverse City.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: Defenseman **Braden Kinnebrew** (Anchorage) and forward **Brad Fusaro** (Soldotna) scored the Brown Bears' goals in their 5-2 loss to Alaska on Saturday.

MARQUETTE RANGERS: After stopping all 14 shots in relief in a 4-3 overtime victory over North Iowa on Friday, goaltender **Lukas Hafner** (Toledo, Ohio) made 33 saves in the Rangers' 6-2 win over the Outlaws the next night.

MOTOR CITY METAL JACKETS: Forward **Steve Brancheau** (River Rouge, Mich.) struck for a goal and two assists, including one on **Cody Wydo's** (Allen Park, Mich.) game-winner, in the Metal Jackets' 5-4 victory over Alpena on Friday.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: Forward **Markus Gander** (Italy) connected for two goals and an assist as the Outlaws finished with an 0-1-1 mark against Marquette.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Defenseman **Jake Suter** (Oregon, Wis.) and forward **Jake Youso** (International Falls, Minn.), a University of Minnesota recruit, each picked up two assists in the Express' 4-3 shootout win over Bismarck on Friday. Suter also scored in the shootout.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: Head coach **Andy Maher** likes what he sees out of his first-year players. "All of our rookies have gotten off to good starts and all of them have room for improvement," he said.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: Goaltender **Tyler Bruggeman** (Mankato, Minn.) made 16 saves in regulation and overtime and three of five in the shootout as the Bandits picked up a victory over Springfield on Saturday.

TEXAS TORNADO: Forward **Shay Cizmar** (Burton, Ohio), who started the season with Fairbanks, notched two goals and an assist in Texas' 6-2 victory over the Ice Dogs on Friday.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Forward **Erik Higby** (New Braunfels, Texas) put home two goals, including the game-winner in a 4-3 victory on Saturday, as the RoadRunners skated to a 1-0-1 mark against Wichita Falls.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: Forward **Doug Clifford** collected three goals and an assist as the North Stars celebrated a two-game sweep over Janesville.

WENATCHEE WILD: Second-year defenseman **Brandon Burrell** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) has committed to St. Cloud State University (WCHA) for next season.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Forward **Tyler Lundey** (Middleton, Wis.) netted a pair of goals and an assist as the Wildcats fashioned a 1-1 record against Topeka.