



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Owatonna	14	9-4-1	19	.679	47	45
Bismarck	18	7-7-4	18	.500	47	48
North Iowa	14	8-5-1	17	.607	47	51
Alexandria	12	4-5-3	11	.458	30	39
Albert Lea	16	3-13-0	6	.188	31	75

### North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	15	10-4-1	21	.700	65	49
Marquette	16	10-6-0	20	.625	40	40
Janesville	17	9-8-0	18	.529	57	51
Motor City	15	6-5-4	16	.533	44	42
Alpena	17	5-12-0	10	.294	42	56

### South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Topeka	18	13-3-2	28	.778	70	39
St. Louis	16	12-3-1	25	.781	56	40
Springfield	18	8-8-2	18	.500	62	53
Texas	16	7-7-2	16	.500	39	51
Wichita Falls	16	4-10-2	10	.313	49	67

### West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wenatchee	23	19-4-0	38	.826	78	51
Alaska	18	11-3-4	26	.722	66	46
Fairbanks	19	10-8-1	21	.553	72	60
Kenai River	20	5-14-1	11	.275	46	77

## LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	18	12	15	27
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	18	9	18	27
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	19	7	19	26
Rickord, Jared	SPR	F	18	8	16	24
Jubinville, Jeff	WNE	F	23	10	13	23
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	18	13	8	21
Nagtzaam, Nardo	ALK	F	17	11	9	20
Brodie, Kyle	WNE	D	19	6	14	20
Mingo, Dajon	KRB	F	20	8	11	19

(two players tied with 18)

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Jaeger, Brandon	WNE	10	525:47	8-0-0	1.71	.938
Frederick, Cooper	TPK	6	330:21	4-1-1	1.82	.915
Robertson, Kale	ALK	9	512:08	6-2-1	1.87	.926
Faragher, Ryan	BIS	13	632:27	5-3-3	1.99	.920
Kissaw, Kevin	MAR	14	824:23	9-5-0	2.11	.941

## GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	18	13
Encarnacao, Rui	JNE	F	17	13

## ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	19	19
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	18	18

## PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Monfredo, Mike	MCM	D	15	+17

(two players tied at +15)

## Wild Answering Call Early

### Wenatchee continues to work towards championship form

The Wenatchee Wild has taken the NAHL by storm through the first two months of the season, and even with a league-best 19-4 record and a two-game sweep over the Wichita Falls Wildcats last weekend, its best might be yet to come.

"We believe we have the potential to be an immensely better team than what we've shown over the last few weeks," said Wild head coach **Paul Baxter**.

Wenatchee opened its weekend against Wichita Falls with a 6-5 victory on Friday. **Jeff Jubinville** and Air Force Academy recruit **Adam McKenzie**, a defenseman, each recorded a goal and two assists in the victory, and goaltender **Mac Carruth**, a University of Minnesota Duluth recruit, steered aside 22 shots.



Jeff Jubinville

Defenseman **Kyle Brodie** connected for two goals and an assist the next night as the Wild doubled up the Wildcats, 4-2. Air Force-bound **Mitch Torrel** chipped in two assists for Wenatchee, and netminder **Brandon Jaeger** stopped 33 shots.

The victories meant four more points for the West Division leaders, who will host this year's Robertson Cup Championship Tournament, but, in the coaching staff's eyes, there's still plenty of room for improvement.

"We have to be a lot better in our commitment to the defensive aspects of the game," said Baxter. "Our experienced players have to be much better role models in terms of working and competing in those areas."

"I think our players realize that we have a lot of work to do if we're going to be a championship-caliber team," said Wild associate head coach **Ryan McKelvie**. "We weren't very good defensively (against Wichita Falls), but we were able to capitalize on offensive opportunities and got quality goaltending."

McKelvie believes that playing 15 games in 23 days over four time zones recently has factored into the Wild's sometimes-undisciplined play.

"We have a better schedule now which allows us to practice between games, and I think we have character players who will be willing to do the work necessary to improve and develop quality habits," said McKelvie.

One player who has made marked strides from last year is Brodie. Thanks to a dedicated offseason, the 19-year-old from Northglenn, Colo., is the league's scoring leader among defensemen and tied for seventh overall with 20 points on six goals.

"Kyle had a great summer, worked his butt off, and really improved his strength and skating," said McKelvie. "He had a tough year with us last year, but has done everything right since then and has set a great example for any young player as far as what it takes to take your game to the next level."

"I have confidence he'll be an excellent player at the Division I level."

The Wild is also getting results from a number of first-year players, among them Jubinville, a 20-year-old from Edmonton.

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## sherwood central player of the week

Bismarck defenseman **Sam Rendle** connected for three assists as the Bobcats picked up three points in a two-game set against Albert Lea. On Friday, the Grand Rapids, Minn., native recorded a pair of assists, including one on **Ryan Jacobson's** game-winning goal, in a 5-0 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old added another helper as the Bobcats fell to the Thunder in a shootout, 2-1. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



## sherwood north player of the week

Janesville forward **Rui Encarnacao** potted two goals and an assist as the Jets skated to a two-game sweep over Marquette. On Friday, the White Plains, N.Y., native tallied a goal and assisted on **Gehrett Sargis'** game-winning marker in a 4-1 triumph. The next night, the 19-year-old added another goal as the Jets doubled up the Rangers, 4-2.



## sherwood south player of the week

Springfield forward **Nick Curry** collected four assists at the Jr. Blues split a two-game series with Texas. On Thursday, the Bettendorf, Iowa, native recorded a pair of assists in a 3-2 loss. The next night, the 20-year-old added two more helpers as the Jr. Blues blanked the Tornado, 3-0. He was also a plus-1 on the weekend.



## sherwood west player of the week

Wenatchee defenseman **Kyle Brodie** struck for two goals and three assists as the Wild celebrated a two-game sweep over Wichita Falls. On Friday, the Northglenn, Colo., native recorded two assists in a 6-5 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old tallied two goals and an assist as the Wild doubled up the Wildcats, 4-2. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



## goaltender of the week

Janesville goaltender **Matt Wichorek** backstopped the Jets to a two-game sweep over Marquette, turning aside 59 of 62 shots. On Friday, the Anchorage native made 34 saves in a 4-1 triumph. The next night, the 20-year-old stopped 25 shots as the Jets doubled up the Ranges, 4-2.



## the week ahead *all times local*

### Thursday, November 5

Albert Lea @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

### Friday, November 6

Fairbanks @ Alaska, 7:00 pm  
Traverse City @ Alpena, 7:00 pm  
Albert Lea @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm  
Motor City @ Springfield, 7:00 pm  
Texas @ Wenatchee, 7:05 pm  
Janesville @ Marquette, 7:30 pm  
Alexandria @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

### Saturday, November 7

Fairbanks @ Alaska, 7:00 pm  
Motor City @ Springfield, 7:00 pm  
Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm  
Texas @ Wenatchee, 7:05 pm  
Janesville @ Marquette, 7:30 pm  
Albert Lea @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

## around the nahl

**ALASKA AVALANCHE:** Forward **Logan Rounds** (Anchorage) collected three assists as the Avalanche picked up three points in its two-game series against Fairbanks.

**ALBERT LEA THUNDER:** Goaltender **Ben Waalkens** (Albert Lea, Minn.) turned aside 29 shots in regulation and overtime and three of four in the shootout as the Thunder bested Bismarck on Saturday, 2-1.

**ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD:** The Blizzard defeated the U.S. Women's National Team in an exhibition game on Wednesday, 6-0. Forward **Jordan Gidaro** (Brampton, Ontario) netted two goals in the win.

**ALPENA ICEDIGGERS:** Forward **John Fritsche** (Parma, Ohio) connected for two goals in regulation and one in a shootout as the IceDiggers split a two-game series with Motor City.

**BISMARCK BOBCATS:** Goaltender **Ryan Faragher** (Fort Frances, Ontario) helped lift the Bobcats to three points in a two-game set against Albert Lea, including a 25-save shutout performance on Friday (5-0). "Ryan is such a tremendous athlete with raw talent and a tremendous work ethic," said head coach **Byron Pool**.

**FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS:** Defenseman **Zach Tolkinen** (Lino Lakes, Minn.) tallied a goal and two assists as the Ice Dogs split a pair of games with Alaska. He was also a plus-3 on the weekend.

**JANESVILLE JETS:** Forward **Larkin Jacobson** (Sioux City, Iowa) tallied two goals and an assist as the Jets skated to a two-game sweep over Marquette.

**KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS:** With last weekend off, the Brown Bears' next NAHL games are scheduled for Nov. 13-14 against Alaska.

**MARQUETTE RANGERS:** Forward **Tanner Kero** (Hancock, Mich.), a Michigan Tech University (CCHA) recruit, notched a goal and an assist as the Rangers dropped two games to Janesville.

**MOTOR CITY MACHINE:** Goaltender **Randy Willis** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) backstopped the Machine to three points in a two-game series against Alpena, including a 27-save performance in a 3-1 victory on Saturday.

**NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS:** Defenseman **Ben Danford** (Stillwater, Minn.) struck for two goals and an assist as the Outlaws picked up three points in a two-game set against Owatonna.

**OWATONNA EXPRESS:** Forward **Ben Persian** (Orono, Minn.), an Air Force Academy recruit (Atlantic Hockey), connected for two goals and an assist as the Express split a two-game series with North Iowa.

**SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES:** Goaltender **Andrew Martin** (Stoughton, Wis.) turned back all 45 shots as the Jr. Blues blanked Texas on Friday, 3-0.

**ST. LOUIS BANDITS:** Forward **Ryan Belonger** (Green Bay, Wis.) rang up a goal and two assists, including one on **Craig Kitto's** game-winning marker, in the Bandits' 5-2 triumph over Topeka on Sunday. He was also a plus-3.

**TEXAS TORNADO:** Defenseman **Erick Ware** (Huntsville, Ala.) scored the game-winning goal and assisted on **Shay Cizmar's** game-tying marker in the Tornado's 3-2 victory over Springfield on Thursday.

**TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS:** Goaltender **Eric Rohrkemper** (Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.) made all 22 saves in the RoadRunners' 2-0 victory over St. Louis on Saturday.

**TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS:** Forward **Andy Huff** (Howell, Mich.), whose 12 goals are tied for third-most in the NAHL, has committed to Ferris State University (CCHA).

**WENATCHEE WILD:** Goaltender **Brandon Jaeger** (Champlin, Minn.) improved his record to 8-0 after turning aside 33 shots the Wild's 4-2 victory over Wichita Falls on Saturday.

**WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS:** Forward **Tyler Lundey** (Middleton, Wis.) picked up two goals and four assists as the Wildcats dropped two games in Wenatchee.