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STANDINGS

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	19	16-3-0	32	.842	83	48
Mahoning Valley	19	12-5-2	26	.684	72	57
Marquette	17	10-7-0	20	.588	68	62
Alpena	18	9-8-1	19	.528	59	61
USNTDP	19	9-9-1	19	.500	62	65
Traverse City	15	7-5-3	17	.567	45	46

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	20	14-5-1	29	.725	76	58
Fairbanks	19	10-7-2	22	.579	51	48
Alaska	21	9-11-1	19	.452	60	82
Topeka	16	8-5-3	19	.594	45	40
Texas	18	6-10-2	14	.389	50	64
Kenai River	20	5-12-3	13	.325	55	86

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	14	11-2-1	23	.821	53	23
Springfield	19	11-7-1	23	.605	82	66
Fargo-Moorhead	19	9-9-1	19	.500	71	69
So. Minnesota	17	7-7-3	17	.500	60	65
Bismarck	19	6-11-2	14	.368	48	72
Alexandria	15	3-11-1	7	.233	43	71

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	20	11	23	34
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	20	16	15	31
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	19	14	16	30
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	20	10	18	28
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	18	6	20	26
Bozoian, Sam	STL	F	18	10	16	26
Greco, Kyle	SPR	F	18	10	14	24
Patterson, Cory	SPR	F	18	11	13	24
Leone, Mike	STL	F	17	5	18	23

(seven players tied with 22)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Moss, Robby	NIO	12	726:52	10-1-1	1.49	.946
Johnson, Mike	STL	8	486:17	7-1-0	1.97	.922
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	13	785:38	5-5-3	2.21	.910
Jarboe, Mike	WIC	16	943:55	11-3-1	2.42	.927
Bartus, Garrett	MVY	11	645:38	7-1-2	2.42	.923

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	20	16
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	19	14
OKane, Kyle	STL	F	16	12

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	20	23
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	18	20
Boeckman, Chad	MVY	F	19	19

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Morin, Matt	NIO	D	14	+14
Jundt, Tyler	NIO	D	14	+14
Corcoran, Ryan	STL	D	16	+12

Phantoms flying high

Mahoning Valley completes first sweep of the season

On the strength of two game-winning goals from rookie forward **Grant Blakey**, the Mahoning Valley Phantoms earned their first sweep of the season, notching two wins over the Alpena Ice Diggers last weekend.



Grant Blakey

“As a whole, we performed pretty well,” said Phantoms assistant coach **Curtis Carr**. “We had a few down times throughout the weekend, but the guys were able to respond for the first time this year and comeback to turn it into two victories.”

“It feels awesome to sweep,” Blakey said. “It’s the first time we’ve done it this year, but we should be doing it every weekend. It’s a great feeling.”

After Alpena fought back from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game midway through the third period on Friday night, Blakey struck for his first goal of the weekend. Capitalizing on a hard bounce off the end boards, Blakey put the rebound of an **Alden Hirschfeld** shot over Ice Diggers goaltender **Nate Pellegrino** to secure the 4-3 victory.

“Hirsch just shot it as I was going to the net,” Blakey said about his game-winner. “It came off the boards right to me, and I just fired the puck at the net. It was kind of off-angle, but it ended up going in.”

Completing the sweep on Saturday, Blakey again picked up a loose puck on the doorstep, sliding a goal between the legs of Alpena goaltender **Dan Pason**, finalizing a 2-1 triumph with just 10:40 left in regulation.

“Grant’s been playing really well,” Carr said. “Ever since we moved him to the wing with Graham and Hirschfeld, that’s been our most productive line. Grant is finding his holes and has been able to bury his opportunities.”

In the tight-checking, defensive battle, Phantoms rookie goaltender **Jordan Tibbett** shined the brightest. Tibbett, making his first start since Oct. 20, played solidly for his third win of the season.

“The defense played pretty good,” Tibbett said. “I only saw about 20 shots today. Every shot that I had, I saw it the whole way in. I’m pretty happy with the way I played. I haven’t played that way in a while.”

“Tibbs had a great game,” Carr remarked on the play of his goaltender. “He has all the skill in the world. We’ve been going with the hot hand lately because of **Garrett (Bartus)**. We know that Tibbett has the ability - tonight he showed that when he’s in the net, we have every opportunity to win as well.”

Veteran forwards Hirschfeld and **Brent Dexter** led the Phantoms in scoring over the two-game series.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, November 5

Bismarck 6 @ Alaska 2 (BIS: Herbel, 2G, +1)

Tuesday, November 6

Bismarck 1 @ Alaska 3 (ALA: Sidor, 38 saves)

Friday, November 9

St. Louis 6 @ Alexandria 5 (OT) (STL: Mankowski, 2G, GWG, +4)

Mahoning Valley 4 @ Alpena 3 (MV: Blakey, GWG, +1)

Bismarck 0 @ Fairbanks 1 (FBX: Reichard, 28 saves)

Marquette 3 @ Fargo-Moorhead 6 (FM: Harrie, 2G)

Alaska 6 @ Kenai River 5 (ALA: Currier, G, GWG)

Wichita Falls 3 @ Springfield 6 (SPR: Patterson, 3G, +1)

Saturday, November 10

Topeka 4 @ Southern Minnesota 2 (TOP: Hayes, G, GWG, A, +2)

St. Louis 8 @ Alexandria 5 (STL: Bozoian, GWG, 3A, +2)

Mahoning Valley 2 @ Alpena 1 (MV: Tibbett, 21 saves)

Bismarck 4 @ Fairbanks 2 (BIS: Kremer, 38 saves)

Marquette 5 @ Fargo-Moorhead 2 (MAR: Bussell, 2G, 2A, +3)

Alaska 4 @ Kenai River 3 (SO) (ALA: Skinner, SOG, A)

Topeka 4 @ Southern Minnesota 2 (TOP: Hoygard, GWG, +1)

Wichita Falls 5 @ Springfield 6 (SPR: Gaffney, 2G, A, +3)

NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

St. Louis forward **Sam Bozoian** tallied three goals and four assists last weekend as the Bandits skated to a two-game sweep over Alexandria. On Friday, the 20-year-old struck for two goals and an assist in a 6-5 overtime win. The next night, the St. Charles, Mo., native recorded the game-winning goal and three assists as the Bandits downed the Blizzard, 8-5. He was also a plus-3 on the weekend.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alpena forward **Isaac Viau**; Mahoning Valley forward **Grant Blakey**; Marquette forward **Josh Bussell**

SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Topeka forward **Eriah Hayes** rang up three goals and an assist last weekend as the RoadRunners posted a pair of wins over Southern Minnesota. On Friday, the 19-year-old scored two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in a 4-2 win over the Express. The next night, the La Crescent, Minn., native notched another goal as the RoadRunners skated to another 4-2 triumph. He was also a plus-3 for the weekend.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alaska forward **Dustin Skinner**

CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Bismarck goaltender **Jake Kramer** turned aside 87 of 90 shots last weekend as the Bobcats fashioned a 1-1 record in Fairbanks. On Friday, the 19-year-old made 49 saves in a 1-0 loss. The next night, the Eden Prairie, Minn., native stopped 38 shots as Bismarck skated to a 4-2 win over the Ice Dogs.



HONORABLE MENTION: Bismarck forward **Kyle Maggard**; Fargo-Moorhead forward **Marc Harrie** and defenseman **Mark Johnson**; Springfield forward **Cory Patterson**

THE WEEK AHEAD

all times local

Thursday, November 15

Texas @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Friday, November 16

Kenai River @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

North Iowa @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:35 pm

Alpena @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Southern Minnesota @ Springfield, 7:30 pm

USNTDP @ St. Louis, 7:15 pm

Texas @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Mahoning Valley @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

Fairbanks @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 17

Kenai River @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

North Iowa @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:05 pm

Alpena @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Southern Minnesota @ Springfield, 7:00 pm

Texas @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Mahoning Valley @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

St. Louis @ USNTDP, 7:15 pm

Fairbanks @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 18

Mahoning Valley @ Traverse City, 1:00 pm

AROUND THE NAHL

MCRAE TO WEST POINT: Second-year Fairbanks forward **Alex McRae**, 20, has committed to the U.S. Military Academy (Atlantic Hockey) for next season. This year, the Mindora, Wis., native is scoreless after seven games.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: The U.S. Under-17 Team finished with a 2-1 record at the Four Nations Tournament in Dimitrov, Russia. **Jeremy Morin** was named the tournament's best forward, while **Cam Fowler** was recognized as the best defenseman.

FORMER PHANTOM HONORED: Providence College senior goaltender **Tyler Sims** (Mahoning Valley, 2003-04) was named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week after backstopping the Friars to a two-game sweep of No. 11-ranked Maine University.

MORE POINTS FOR PATTERSON: Springfield forward **Cory Patterson**, 20, continues to impress offensively after posting a five-point weekend in a two-game sweep of Wichita Falls, highlighted by a hat trick in the Jr. Blues' 6-3 win on Friday. "Cory played exceptionally well when we needed him to last weekend," said Jr. Blues assistant coach **Eric Ballard**.

JETS ADD BEAUDETTE: Fargo-Moorhead acquired forward **Joe Beaudette**, 19, from the USHL's Indiana Ice. The Blaine, Minn., native had a goal and two assists in 19 games between Indiana and Omaha of the USHL this year.

DUSTIN THE DIFFERENCE: Alaska forward **Dustin Skinner**, 19, who was recently acquired from Southern Minnesota, potted two goals, as well as one in Saturday's shootout, and three assists last weekend as the Avalanche won two games over Kenai River. "Dustin was unreal for us," said Avs coach-GM **Jamie Smith**. "He was truly a difference-maker."

A FINE LINE: Marquette's top line of **Austin Mattson**, 16, **Chad Pietila**, 18, and **Josh Bussell**, 18, combined for nine points in the Rangers' 5-2 win over Fargo-Moorhead on Saturday. "Those guys played a major role in our team bouncing back after a loss (6-3 to the Jets on Friday)," said Rangers coach **Randy Enders**. "They not only did the job on the power play, but played a solid game 5-on-5."