



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	17-4-0	34	.810	91	58
Mahoning Valley	22	14-6-2	30	.682	84	65
Marquette	19	11-8-0	22	.579	73	65
USNTDP	21	10-10-1	21	.500	72	73
Alpena	20	10-9-1	21	.525	62	66
Traverse City	18	8-6-4	20	.556	53	58

### South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	22	15-6-1	31	.705	79	60
Topeka	19	11-5-3	25	.658	58	42
Fairbanks	21	11-8-2	24	.571	53	51
Alaska	23	11-11-1	23	.500	68	86
Texas	21	6-13-2	14	.333	52	77
Kenai River	22	5-13-4	14	.318	59	94

### Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	16	13-2-1	27	.844	62	27
Springfield	21	11-8-2	24	.571	84	70
So. Minnesota	19	9-7-3	21	.553	64	67
Fargo-Moorhead	21	9-11-1	19	.452	75	78
Bismarck	21	8-11-2	18	.429	59	76
Alexandria	17	3-12-2	8	.235	47	82

## LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	12	24	36
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	22	17	17	34
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	22	17	16	33
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	22	10	19	29
Bozoian, Sam	STL	F	20	11	17	28
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	16	11	17	28
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	20	8	20	28
Warda, Ben	STL	F	21	7	20	27
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	18	15	11	26

(three players tied with 25)

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Moss, Robby	NIO	14	846:52	12-1-1	1.56	.946
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	16	965:38	8-5-3	1.99	.916
Jarboe, Mike	WIC	18	1062:59	12-4-1	2.26	.929
Reichard, Cody	FBX	19	1123:30	10-8-0	2.35	.926
Bartus, Garrett	MVY	13	770:38	9-1-2	2.49	.919

## GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	22	17
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	22	17
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	18	15

## ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	24

(three players tied with 20)

## PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Mobley, Max	NIO	F	16	+14
Morin, Matt	NIO	D	16	+14

(three players tied at +13)

## Express gets on track

Southern Minnesota snaps five-game losing streak

Mired in a five-game losing streak, the Southern Minnesota Express came to life last weekend with a pair of tightly contested victories over the Springfield Jr. Blues.

"Getting those wins down there was huge for us," said Express coach-GM **Matt Romaniski**, whose team improved to 9-7-3 on the season. "Whenever you can stop a losing streak against a great team like Springfield on the road, that gives your players a great deal of confidence."



C.J. Willms

**C.J. Willms'** overtime goal lifted the Express to a 2-1 victory on Friday. **Teddy Falk** notched the other Southern Minnesota goal, while **Scott Pederson** stood tall between the pipes, making 53 saves.

The next night, Pederson saved the day again, turning aside 45 shots en route to another 2-1 Express triumph. **Brian Arrigoni** scored the game-winning goal, with **Kyle Olson** netting the other Southern Minnesota marker. **Spencer McMillan** assisted on both goals.

"When you play in a very competitive division, every game is a fight," said Romaniski, whose club sits in third place in the NAHL's Central Division with 21 points. "It takes everything you have to stay in the top four so winning two games against a team in your division is huge."

"But you can't look at the standings that much right now; you just have to take it one game at a time and hope to be in the top four at the end of the season."

The Express' penalty kill was flawless against Springfield last weekend, silencing a potent Jr. Blues power play both nights (0-for-20). Pederson, an Illinois native, was the difference.

"It didn't surprise me because of the week of practice Scott had leading up to the weekend; he looked really sharp," said Romaniski. "Whenever you have a goalie that played that well (on Friday), confidence usually plays a huge part and you just knew he would come out big on Saturday."

Willms also came up big, officially putting Southern Minnesota's losing streak to bed with his overtime tally on Friday.

"That was clutch to say the least," said Romaniski. "Right before he went on the ice in overtime, he looked at me and said, 'Coach, I got your goal this shift.' After he scored he came by the bench with a look like, 'I told you so.'"

A third-year veteran, Willms, 20, has proved invaluable this season both in terms of offensive production – he's second in team scoring with 16 points behind **Ben Beaudoin** – and leadership.

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## LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, November 15

Texas 1 @ Topeka 4 (TOP: Jendras, GWG, +1)

Friday, November 16

Kenai River 1 @ Alaska 2 (SO) (ALA: Corey, 36 saves)

Bismarck 7 @ Alexandria 1 (BIS: Whited, G, 2A, +3)

North Iowa 4 @ Fargo-Moorhead 3 (NI: Harcharik, 2A, +1)

Alpena 1 @ Marquette 4 (MAR: Aaron Pietila, G, A, +1)

So. Minnesota 2 @ Springfield 1 (OT) (SM: Pederson, 53 saves)

USNTDP 3 @ St. Louis 5 (STL: O'Kane, 2G, GWG, A, +2)

Texas 0 @ Topeka 3 (TOP: Merriam, 15 saves)

Mahoning Valley 6 @ Traverse City 5 (SO) (MV: Winter, 2G, A)

Fairbanks 2 @ Wichita Falls 1 (FBX: Bidwill, GWG, A)

Saturday, November 17

Kenai River 3 @ Alaska 6 (ALA: Young, G, 3A, +3)

Bismarck 4 @ Alexandria 3 (SO) (BIS: Taurence, SOG, 2A, +1)

North Iowa 5 @ Fargo-Moorhead 1 (NI: Walters, G, 3A, +3)

Alpena 2 @ Marquette 1 (ALP: Pellegrino, 32 saves)

Southern Minnesota 2 @ Springfield 1 (SM: McMillan, 2A, +2)

Texas 1 @ Topeka 6 (TOP: Hartmann, G, GWG, A, +1)

Mahoning Valley 1 @ Traverse City 2 (TC: Palfafito, 31 saves)

USNTDP 7 @ St. Louis 3 (USA: Valek, 2G, A, +3)

Fairbanks 0 @ Wichita Falls 2 (WF: Jarboe, 24 saves)

Sunday, November 18

Mahoning Valley 5 @ Traverse City 1 (MV: Winter-Boeckman, G, A)

## NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Mahoning Valley forward **Miles Winter** totaled four goals and three assists last weekend at the Phantoms fashioned a 2-1 record against Traverse City. On Friday, the 19-year-old recorded a goal and an assist in a 6-5 shootout win. The next night, the Horsham, Pa., native assisted on the Phantoms' lone goal in a 2-1 loss. On Sunday, Winter rang up a hat trick and an assist as Mahoning Valley downed the North Stars, 5-1.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Alpena forward **Erik Peterson**; U.S Under-17 Team forward **Jeremy Morin**

## SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Topeka defenseman **Aaron Gens** rang up three goals and two assists last weekend as the RoadRunners skated to three wins over Texas. On Thursday, the 20-year-old recorded an assist in a 4-1 victory. The next night, the Baudette, Minn., native scored a goal as Topeka blanked the Tornado, 3-0. On Sunday, Gens tallied two goals and an assist in a 6-1 triumph. He was also a +4 for the weekend.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Alaska goaltender **Dusan Sidor**; Wichita Falls goaltender **Mike Jarboe**

## CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Southern Minnesota goaltender **Scott Pederson** back-stopped the Express to a pair of wins over Springfield last weekend, turning aside 98 of 100 shots. On Friday, the 19-year-old made 53 saves in a 2-1 overtime triumph. The next night, the Lake Villa, Ill., native stopped 45 shots in another 2-1 victory over the Jr. Blues.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Bismarck forward **Tye Lewis**; North Iowa forward **Shea Walters** and goaltender **Robby Moss**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

all times local

**Tuesday, November 20**

Mahoning Valley @ USNTDP, 7:30 pm

**Wednesday, November 21**

Fairbanks @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

**Friday, November 23**

Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

Alaska @ Kenai River, 7:00 pm

Traverse City @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

Fargo-Moorhead @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Springfield @ Southern Minnesota, 7:00 pm

Fairbanks @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Wichita Falls @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Marquette @ USNTDP, 7:30 pm

**Saturday, November 24**

Alexandria @ Bismarck, 7:05 pm

Alaska @ Kenai River, 7:00 pm

Traverse City @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

Fargo-Moorhead @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Springfield @ Southern Minnesota, 7:00 pm

Fairbanks @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Wichita Falls @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Marquette @ USNTDP, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, November 25**

Alaska @ Kenai River, 3:00 pm

Alpena @ USNTDP, 3:00 pm

## AROUND THE NAHL

**EXPRESS NAMES ASSISTANT COACH:** Southern Minnesota named **Dan Peters** as an assistant coach. A former standout defenseman at Colorado College (WCHA) from 1996-2000, the St. Paul, Minn., native ended his professional career in 2005.

**WORLD JUNIOR BOUND:** North Iowa forward **Krystian Dziubinski** (Poland), Topeka forward **Dariusz Gruszka** (Poland) and Springfield defenseman **Klemen Sodrznik** (Slovenia) will compete for their respective countries in next month's World Junior Championship.

**PETERSON KEEPS ROLLING:** Alpena forward **Erik Peterson**, 19, continues to lead the IceDiggers' offensive charge with two more goals last weekend in a two-game split with Marquette. "Erik has been a force all year," said IceDiggers coach-GM **Kenny Miller**. "He deserves the success he's having."

**MORE FROM MORIN:** U.S. National Under-17 Team forward **Jeremy Morin**, 16, posted two goals and two assists last weekend in a two-game split at North Division-leading St. Louis. "Jeremy had a great weekend for us," said U.S. coach **Ron Rolston**. "He's been an offensive force all season and his three points were a key in our win on Saturday night (7-3)."

**LINE OF FIRE:** North Iowa's line of **Shea Walters**, 19, **Max Mobley**, 20, and **Bryant Skarda**, 20, factored in five of the nine goals scored by the Outlaws last weekend in a two-game sweep of Fargo-Moorhead. "They played really well and moved the puck which created chances," said Outlaws coach **Dave Boitz**.

**AVALANCHE STREAKING:** Alaska has rolled off five wins in row, thanks in part to goaltender **Dusan Sidor**'s 39-save performance in a 6-3 win over Kenai River on Saturday. "He was really on his game that night," Avalanche coach-GM **Jamie Smith** said of the 20-year-old.